

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### THE "CHILD SUPPORT FAIRNESS AND FEDERAL TAX REFUND INTERCEPTION ACT OF 2000"

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Child Support Fairness and Federal Tax Refund Interception Act of 2000." This legislation expands the eligibility of one of our most effective means of enforcing child support orders—intercepting the Federal tax refunds of parents delinquent in paying their court-ordered financial support for their children. Under current law, the Federal tax refund offset program operated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is limited to cases where the child is either a minor or a disabled adult.

It goes without saying that a parent who brings a child into this world is responsible for providing for that child's physical needs regardless of any conflict with the child's custodial parent. Last July, I received a letter from Lisa McCave of Wilmington, Delaware. She wanted to know where the justice was in the IRS allowing her husband to collect a \$2,426 tax refund when he still owed her nearly \$7,000 in back child support just because her son is no longer a minor and is not disabled.

Since her son was three, Ms. McCave has had to work two jobs to make up for child support installments that were never paid. She has spent the better part of her time away from work tracking down her former husband, who has often quit his job as soon as his wages were garnished to repay this debt. Now, she is trying to pay off \$55,000 in parent loans she incurred to send her son to college. Mr. Speaker, we all know the answer to Lisa McCave's question. Under the current law, there is no justice in limiting the eligibility for this tax intercept program to minors and disabled adults.

The good news is that we can correct this injustice. Improving our child support enforcement programs is neither a Republican nor a Democrat issue—it is an issue that should concern all of us. According to recent government statistics, there are approximately 12 million active cases where a child support order requires a noncustodial parent to contribute towards the support of his/her child. Of the \$13.7 billion owed pursuant to these orders in 1998, only half have been paid. Similar shortfalls in past years bring the combined delinquency total to \$35.3 billion. I am confident we can all agree to fix this injustice in our Federal tax refund offset program and help some of our most needy constituents receive the financial relief they are owed.

I would like to clarify for everyone's benefit that this legislation does not create a cause of action for a custodial parent to seek additional child support. The existing program merely helps custodial parents recover debt they are owed for a level of child support that was set

by a court after both sides had the opportunity to present their arguments about the proper size of the child support.

The Federal tax refund offset program is responsible for retrieving nearly one-third of all back child support collected. The time has come to make it a greater success. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and thank the Ways and Means Committee for its commitment to moving this bill to the House floor for debate in the near future.

### HONORING THE GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS AWARD PROGRAM AND MS. SARAH OBERMARK FROM ILLINOIS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Sarah Obermark from Bond Community High School in Sorento, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity—to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Sarah all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

### CONGRATULATING ALISON LITTELL MCHOSE

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Alison Littell McHose for her work on the behalf of unwed mothers and their infant children. Mrs. McHose has been chosen as the honoree at the annual dinner dance held by Birth Haven, a compassionate and supportive shelter for unwed mothers. Her selection comes in recognition of the extensive work Mrs. McHose has done on behalf of Birth Haven, including her efforts to secure funding from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

It should come as no surprise that Alison Littell McHose is dedicated to public service and helping those less fortunate than herself. She is the daughter of my good friends state Senator Robert Littell and Virginia Littell, former chairwoman of the New Jersey Republican State Committee. The Littells raised their daughter with a clear sense of responsibility to the community around her, and instilled in her their own firm values, sense of dedication and fearlessness of hard work.

Mrs. McHose has worked as a legislative aide in her father's Senate office in Franklin, NJ, for 4 years, handling budget issues, constituent case work, news releases, speeches and correspondence. As part of her duties, she acted as liaison between Birth Haven and Senator Littell, who chairs the State Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. Mrs. McHose helped Birth Haven secure state grants of \$40,000 in the fiscal 1999 state budget and \$50,000 in the 2000 budget. In addition, she was instrumental in handling the case of a former Birth Haven resident who needed state assistance.

Mrs. McHose's work with Birth Haven led to a strong personal interest in the organization. She has visited the facility and made extensive donations of supplies needed by the residents and volunteered her time.

Located in Newton, New Jersey, Birth Haven is a shelter for homeless pregnant women, able to house up to nine women simultaneously in a home-like setting where meals and housework are shared. The women, mostly in their teens or early 20's, are given proper prenatal care and counseling and enrolled for benefits such as Medicaid and the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program. Those without a high school diploma are required to attend class or seek a GED. Courses in homemaking, parenting and job-seeking skills are available as well. Some of the residents were homeless before they became pregnant. Others were kicked out of their homes by parents or boyfriends.

Mrs. McHose's work on behalf of Birth Haven and in Senator Littell's office are only her most recent accomplishments in public service. She was previously a policy council director in education and health care for a grassroots organization in Washington. She also spent four years at the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Treasury Department under the Bush administration.

Active in her community, she is vice-chairwoman of both the Franklin Economic Development Committee and the Franklin Business Development Corporation. She is a founding member of the Franklin Historical Society, a member of the capital campaign committee of the Sussex County YMCA, and an active member of the Junior League of Morristown. She also edits a nationally distributed family publication, *Living Age*.

Mrs. McHose is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta. She and her husband, Morgan, are the parents of a 2-year-old son, Logan, and make their home in Franklin.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. McHose on her work on behalf of unwed mothers and their infant children, and in wishing her the best as she continues to address the needs of those less fortunate than herself.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, on March 22, 2000, I was unavoidably detained, causing me to miss roll call votes 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 and 63.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been present I would have voted "yea" on roll-call vote 58, "nay" on rollcall vote 59, "yea" on rollcall vote 60, "yea" on rollcall vote 61, "nay" on rollcall vote 62, and "yea" on rollcall vote 63.

LIFE UNIVERSITY RUNNING  
EAGLES—NAIA CHAMPIONS, AGAIN**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration I recognize the Life University Running Eagles Men's Basketball Team from Marietta, Georgia. On Monday, March 20, 2000, the NAIA Division I Defending Champion Running Eagles defeated Georgetown College (KY) to win a second NAIA Championship in as many years. This marked the first time in nearly a decade an NAIA team had won back-to-back titles. This was also the third time in four years Life University had captured the NAIA Championship.

Excellence has become the hallmark of Life University sports; but the school excels also in academic pursuits. Life University was founded in 1974 as Life Chiropractic College, and achieved university status in 1997. It has a 26-year history of producing graduates, from a wide variety of degree programs, with the study of Chiropractic remaining its primary focus.

For their achievements, I want to congratulate all of the members of the Men's Running Eagles team, their Coach Roger Kaiser, and the President and Founder of Life University, Dr. Sid E. Williams.

HONORING THE CHAMPION JACK-  
SON COUNTY LADY BLUE DEVILS**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding season of the Jackson County Lady Blue Devils basketball team, which recently captured the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA Girls Basketball Tournament championship.

This is the high school's first championship season since winning the small school tournament way back in 1973. Last year the team lost in the tournament final and used that experience to win this year's tournament.

At 29-7, this year's Lady Blue Devils team displayed a tenacious will to win. This championship season will forever be remembered

by each of those talented players who proved that hard work and dedication pay rich dividends.

Members of the championship team are Heather Davidson, Joanna Chaffin, Becca Focer, Jessica Smith, Sarah Jane Breidert, Andrea Davidson, Emily Lane, Lacy Sircy, Ashley Hopkins, Deanna Apple, Alyssa Bowman, Jennifer Harris, and managers Faith Henshaw, Stephanie Clayton and Lucy Anderson. Head coach Jim Brown and assistant coaches Kevin Bray and Barbara Brown, with the support of principal Herbert Leftwich, did a magnificent job preparing the team for this year's stellar season.

Jackson County is proud of its Lady Blue Devils, and I congratulate each of these young ladies for a job well done.

RURAL HEALTH CARE  
PROTECTION ACT OF 2000**HON. MATT SALMON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Rural Health Care Protection Act of 2000. Among other things, the bill mandates that Medicare+Choice enrollees cannot be held liable by contracted or non-contracted providers for any claims that are unpaid by a Medicare+Choice plan. It also allows the insurance commissioner of a state to apply to the Secretary of HHS for reimbursement for all valid, unpaid provider claims. And, the legislation establishes HCFA as a creditor for Medicare+Choice Amos that go bankrupt.

The need for this legislation is clear. In Arizona, Premier HMO recently announced it was insolvent. Roughly 20,000 seniors have left Premier to return to traditional Medicare (which provides no prescription drug benefit) or have enrolled in an alternative Medicare HMO. Unfortunately, nine Arizona counties no longer have an HMO option. We need to make sure that Medicare+Choice enrollees are not held responsible when bankrupt HMOs fail to pay providers' claims.

Under current law, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has the discretion, but is not required, to provide direct reimbursement to health care providers when an HMO fails to make payments for providers' claims. Quite often HCFA makes payments only where Medicare+Choice HMOs continue to operate. If an HMO becomes insolvent, doctors, hospitals, and others are often left unpaid for services already rendered.

In 1997 Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act which included a provision to expand choices for Medicare beneficiaries through the new Medicare+Choice program. It was anticipated that the program would lead to a wider variety of health plan choices for beneficiaries in all areas of the country—particularly in rural counties. Unfortunately, there was never a plan to deal with organizations who could not maintain financial solvency. And HCFA has not recognized the need to protect Medicare beneficiaries from defunct health plans—even though they are the financing arm for Medicare.

Even worse, HCFA's regulations have added to the problem by making it more difficult for HMOs and other like organizations to

enter the Medicare Choice program. They make it tough to get in the program and do little for beneficiaries once the HMOs leave. As of last year, there were only 262 health plans across the Nation that participated in the Medicare+Choice program, 84 less than 1998. According to the American Association of Health Plans, nearly 700,000 beneficiaries have had their Medicare+Choice coverage disrupted since the program's inception.

Seniors shouldn't be left holding the bag when health plans go bankrupt. The Rural Health Care Protection Act would ensure that the government fulfills its promise to those seniors who have chosen to participate in the Medicare+Choice program. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

HONORING THE AMERICAN LEGION  
JEFFERSON POST 141 2ND SQUAD  
CHAPLAIN, HOWARD PHILLIPS**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend the American Legion, Jefferson Post 141, from Mt. Vernon, Illinois and their Squad Chaplain, Mr. Howard Phillips.

For 27 years, Mr. Phillips has been the Squad Chaplain. He has presided over 800 military funerals for our veterans. He never asks for any compensation for his time or services. I wanted to tell him that he makes this soldier very proud. Thank you Howard.

CONGRATULATING JANIE  
PFEFFERKORN, OF SIKESTON,  
MISSOURI ON HER RECOGNITION  
BY THE "DAUGHTERS OF SUN-  
SET"**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday March 25, 2000, Janie Pfefferkorn is being honored by the Sikeston, Missouri "Daughters of Sunset" at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Janie who is being recognized on this day for her community involvement.

Janie was the valedictorian of her senior class at Chafee High School in Chafee, Missouri. She attended Central Methodist College and Southeast Missouri State University. She is the co-founder of the 1996 Christian block Party which evolved into the Mission Missouri. Today Janie is the executive director of Mission Missouri.

Janie is currently affiliated with the Missouri School for the blind Board of Directors, Bootheel Healthy start, Breast Cancer support Group, Sikeston Middle School, the Diabetes Foundation-Missouri Delta Hospital Advisory Board, the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce President's roundtable, and the Ministerial Alliance and inter-Agency Council of Scott County.

Janie also has been active in lifelong faith-based learning, receiving training as a Precept Inductive Bible Study Teacher and Group Leader and completing workshops on church

growth, discipline training, outreach, administration, new membership integration. Janie also trained in family learning for parents of children with disabilities and has facilitated and participated in support group settings to address addictive behaviors and dysfunctional relationships.

Janie is married to Dr. David Pfefferkorn. They are the proud parents of four beautiful girls, Molly, Corrie Jo, Abby and Maggie, and the proud grandparents of twins girls, Bylie and Kylie.

Congratulations, Janie, on your recognition by the "Daughters of Sunset." Your lifelong dedication your community of Sikeston, Missouri is an inspiration to us all.

#### MEXICO BEACH PROPERTY BOUNDARY

**HON. ALLEN BOYD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today, along with my Florida colleague Representative JOE SCARBOROUGH, I am introducing legislation that is intended to correct a boundary mistake made on a map in the Department of Interior's 1988 Report to Congress: Coastal Barrier Resources System. The map was subsequently adopted by Congress in the 1990 Coastal Barrier Improvement Act.

The St. Joe Company owns 45 acres east of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida. In 1988, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the "Service") proposed certain additions and modifications to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). This proposal was accompanied by maps which depicted the existing boundaries of the CBRS as well as the proposed additions and modifications. However, while the maps expressly reported to show the existing CBRS boundaries, at least one of them instead contained a boundary line that erroneously included about 45 acres of St. Joe property. Because the boundary was unintentionally misdrawn neither the property owner nor Congress was given notice of this action. In 1990, Congress enacted the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act. The CBRS maps adopted by Congress with the 1990 Act included the erroneous boundary line from the Service's proposed map.

Several years after the Mexico Beach property was mistakenly included in the CBRS, St. Joe representatives discovered the mistake while examining maps at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Last year, representatives of St. Joe met with Department of Interior and Service officials to discuss the mistake. As a result of those discussions a letter was written to the Company from the Acting Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Gary Frazier, acknowledging that a boundary mistake had been made and stating that the Service would not object to legislation to correct the mistake. Specifically, Mr. Frazier stated:

The Service recognizes that in the 1988 Report to Congress the inclusion of the property in question was not identified as a boundary change for this unit, either in the accompanying map or text of the Report. Regrettably, this meant that neither the property owner nor Congress was provided with adequate notice of the boundary change re-

flected in the revised map for P-31. Therefore, because of this error in the Report and the equities associated with this specific situation, the Service would not oppose future legislative action to remove the 45 acres owned by the St. Joe Company from the System.

The St. Joe Company has taken the proper steps in approaching the Department of Interior and the Service about this problem. Representative SCARBOROUGH and I are taking the next step in this process by introducing legislation to correct this mistake. It has been over ten years since Congress enacted the legislation which adopted the new map misdrawing the boundary of the Mexico Beach property. Therefore, I urge the House to act expeditiously on this legislation.

#### SOUTHWIRE COMPANY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it all started with one man's dream of bringing electricity to rural Georgia. Roy Richards, Sr. wanted to supply his mother and grandmother with electricity, and from that dream, he founded Southwire Company in Carrollton, Georgia, exactly 50 years ago. On March 23, 1950, Southwire started cranking out wire with 12 employees. Two years later, the company had shipped 5 million pounds of wire and had doubled its plant size. Southwire has continued to grow, and has become a world leader in the manufacture of wire and cable.

In 1992 Southwire opened the D.B. "Pete" Cofer Technology Center. For the past five years, the center has witnessed development of the next generation of power cables—superconductors. A trio of 30-meter cables now provides power to three of the company's manufacturing plants. Southwire continues on its path of quality assurance and will remain a giant in the world of wire and cable.

I salute Southwire Company on its 50th Anniversary, and I am proud to count it as an outstanding employer, business, and community citizen in the 7th Congressional District of Georgia.

#### HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF JOHN ED MILLER

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of John Ed Miller, who is retiring from BellSouth on March 31 after working more than 30 years with the company. John Ed has not only had a distinguished career with BellSouth, but he has also been an outstanding civic leader in the Middle Tennessee area.

John Ed began his long telephone career with BellSouth soon after his graduation from Vanderbilt University in 1966. He progressed through a number of assignments in the Nashville and Birmingham offices before assuming his present position as BellSouth's corporate

and external affairs vice president for Tennessee.

John Ed has also taken an active role in his Middle Tennessee community. He serves and has served on numerous civic boards and organizations, demonstrating his concern and love for Middle Tennessee. His tireless dedication to these organizations has truly made Middle Tennessee a better place to live.

His leadership and vision at BellSouth will be sorely missed. I congratulate John Ed Miller on his outstanding career and wish him well in his retirement.

#### OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. MATT SALMON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3822) to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes:

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Chairman, it is well known that, for close to a year, countries from the OPEC cartel and other oil-producing countries have conspired to steal from Americans by artificially inflating the price of oil. It has had a dramatic effect on the life of every American and threatens the state of our economy. It takes more to fill our gas tanks, it is more costly to fly, and even grocery prices have risen significantly. For example, we pay an extra \$10 every time we go to a gas station to fill our tanks. This year, increased gas and oil prices will cost the average family an alarming \$700. In my home state of Arizona, higher gas prices will cost the Paradise Valley Union School District up to \$60,000 more to bus kids to and from school this year.

Unfortunately, the President's response has been tepid at best. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson recently admitted, "it is obvious that the federal government was not prepared. We were caught napping. We got complacent." The Administration, which seems to have no problem attacking American companies they suspect of being a monopoly, refuses to use its current legal arsenal to sanction foreign countries that collude in monopolistic alliances to fleece the American people.

Last year, I requested that Congress look into OPEC's price fixing scheme. And last night, Congress took a small step towards helping American consumers by passing H.R. 3822, which encourages the President to use his current authority to stop OPEC from inflating gas prices. But, I believe we can, indeed we must, do more.

First and foremost we should have included a mechanism in this legislation to penalize countries for gouging our constituents. Secondly, we should have repealed the 4.3 cent gas tax that President Clinton and Vice-President GORE included in their tax increase package of 1993. And finally, we should have examined cost effective ways to increase domestic oil production.

Looking forward, we need to pursue the development of alternative energy sources that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. To that end, we should support tax credits for people who purchase environmentally friendly, energy efficient solar heating equipment. We should also support funding for research on solar, wind, biofuels, geothermal, and other environmentally friendly alternative forms of energy.

Perhaps we will revisit this matter when our constituents are paying \$2.50 for a gallon of gas. H.R. 3822 is a first step towards resolving the current crisis. But, Congress should have done more. Americans should not have to pay more at the gas pump, or for groceries, or to heat their homes, simply because we did not do enough to stop foreign nations from artificially increasing the price of oil. We've been far too passive for too long.

CONGRATULATING ELDER ANTHONY G. GREEN I, OF SKESTON, MO, ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Elder Anthony G. Green I is being honored by the Skeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Elder Green who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Elder Green is a graduate of Skeston High School. He earned an associate degree in engineering from ITT Technical Institute in St. Louis, MO and is currently attending Green Memorial Biblical University and Andersonville Baptist Seminary. Elder Green is currently chief executive officer and pastor of Rhema World Breakthrough International Ministries of Cape Girardeau, MO and is president of the Skeston Branch of the NAACP. He was also honored by the Department of Justice National Symposium on Civil Rights in Washington, DC.

Elder Green is the cofounder and editor-in-chief of the African American Informant, Inc. Newspaper of Skeston, MO. His many community activities include the Neighborhood Improvement Association, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Co-Coordinator, Citizens Home Mission tutor and mentor, Green Memorial Biblical University Board of Directors, and the Hundred Men Rally Committee speaker and co-coordinator. Elder Green also is a member of various organizations including the NAACP, Justice League, Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Jurisdictional Djutancy Church of God in Christ, and Bootheel Healthy Start.

Elder Green has received training in a number of fields, including Community Development Training Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, Advisory Council Legislation Training, Missouri Division of Family Service—seminar on recognizing child abuse, and Southeast Missouri State University seminars in time management, cultural diversity, and conflict resolution.

Elder Green is married to Vanissa McCauley-Green and is the father of one son, Anthony Green II.

Congratulations, Elder Green, on your recognition by the "Daughters of Sunset." Your lifelong dedication to family and community is truly inspirational.

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE RAKERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a former constituent of mine, Michelle Rakers of Aviston, Illinois. Michelle now plays trumpet for the elite United States Marine Band.

As one of eleven children, Michelle comes from a very musically inclined family where all her siblings played an instrument. Michelle's determination is a testament to her success. Let me explain. She auditioned five times before she was selected as a member of the band. She never took no for an answer. I want to congratulate her for her success and thank her for her determination—we can all learn a lesson from her example.

IN HONOR OF KRISTEN STRYKER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kristen Stryker of Canton. Kristen has been named as one of Ohio's top two student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards.

Kristen, an eighth grader at Faircrest Middle School, has a vegetable garden in her backyard. The harvest from this garden is donated to needy Native Americans in her area. Kristen's grandmother is 50 percent Native American and through this Kristen feels a connection to those who share her heritage. When she heard that the nearby Allegheny Indian Center was a beneficiary of the national "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, Kristen was eager to participate. After planting rows of zucchini, yellow squash and green and purple beans, she worked 1 hour every morning and evening from March through August weeding, watering and mulching the garden. The people who received the vegetables were able to enjoy the health benefits and the Allegheny Indian Center was able to purchase other necessary items with the money saved. Now Kristen hopes to encourage her 4-H club to adopt "Plant a Row for the Hungry" as its countywide service project. "I think this project has helped me become more sensitive to the needs of others," says Kristen.

Kristen was nominated by Stark & Summit Counties Extension 4-H in North Canton, OH for her ingenious service project. As a State honoree she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip in May to Washington DC.

Please join me in honoring Kristen for her outstanding leadership and service in her community.

RECOGNITION OF TERRY WARD AS RECIPIENT OF DISTINGUISHED CAREER INTELLIGENCE MEDAL

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an honor for distinguished public service being accorded today to Terry Ward, a former constituent of mine. The Central Intelligence Agency is honoring Mr. Ward for over thirty years of distinguished government service in a wide range of dangerous and sensitive intelligence assignments in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Mr. Ward was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Following ROTC training, Mr. Ward joined the U.S. military and joined the U.S. Embassy staff in Laos. In 1964, Mr. Ward was transferred to the CIA's Western Hemisphere Division. During the next thirty years, Mr. Ward served his country honorably and well in numerous dangerous overseas assignments in Latin America.

In my capacity as a Member of the House Intelligence Committee, I met Terry when he served in Honduras. I saw first-hand how he contributed in significant ways to fighting the efforts of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua to destabilize its democratic neighbors. Contrary to some new reports, Terry worked hard to ensure that U.S. assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance was closely managed and appropriately directed. Today, Nicaragua is a democratic ally and trading partner of the United States in no small measure to the efforts of Terry and other officers who served in the CIA's clandestine service in Central America during the 1980s.

As some may know, Mr. Ward was one of the subjects of a 1995 CIA Inspector General investigation into allegations of improper conduct by CIA officers in Guatemala in the deaths of U.S. citizen Michael Devine and Guatemalan terrorist Efraim Bamaca. The IG report, and a subsequent review by President Clinton's Intelligence Oversight Board found no information whatsoever that any employee of the CIA was either involved in the murder of Mr. Devine or in the disappearance of Bamaca. After the IG report was published, Mr. Ward was effectively forced to retire from government service by then-DCI John Deutch.

When Dr. Deutch announced his disciplinary decisions regarding the Guatemala inquiry on September 29, 1995, he stated that Mr. Ward was "respected" and "otherwise had made important contributions throughout his career." Importantly, Dr. Deutch said that he intended that Mr. Ward's retirement would involve "no loss of appropriate recognition for previous service."

Despite what you might have read in some newspapers during the past few weeks, Mr. Ward is one of the unsung heroes of the Cold War. These press accounts note that he served as the CIA's station chief in Honduras from 1987–89—what they don't say is that his efforts there and elsewhere in Central America during the mid to late 1980s contributed significantly to the strengthening of democratic governance in Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

These unsung heroes of our intelligence community neither ask for nor expect the

American people to know how they protect us from terrorists, narco-traffickers and other threats to our nation's security. The CIA's recognition today of Terry Ward's honorable service to his country is long overdue and fully merited. I applaud DCI George Tenet for doing the right thing for our country and for those who bravely serve its interests in our clandestine service.

#### CHUCK LEWIS WAS A TRUE HERO

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man who will live forever in the hearts of all who knew him and many who didn't. Chuck Lewis will be remembered as a wonderful entrepreneur and mentor. He had a great love of the outdoors and of skiing. His wife, Penelope, and children, C. Randall, Christina and Vonda, brought him endless joys.

Chuck was a native of Colorado and attended the University of Denver. His fiscal wizardry led him to the ski industry where he was able to turn around the troubled Eldora Mountain Resort. Lewis was also a former chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, founder of Cooper Mountain and model rancher. He is regarded by many as the best chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, because he cared about nature and people.

Chuck Lewis is remembered as a person who would cherish any moment he could squeeze out of his busy schedule to spend on a river with a fly rod in his hand. He had a wonderful touch for people. His family and friends will miss the man that they enjoyed spending time with. The rest of us will miss the man who exemplified the selflessness that so few truly possess. But, when we lose a man such as Mr. Lewis, being missed is certainly no precursor to being forgotten.

#### EXPRESSION OF SORROW FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE IN THE VILLAGE OF CHATI SINGHPORA

#### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow at the horrific massacre of 35 Sikh men in the Kashmiri village of Chati Singhpora.

Today in Chati Singhpora, 35 families are mourning the loss of their fathers, their brothers and their sons. These men are victims of an inhumane war, suffering an unspeakable death before the eyes of their loved ones. The assassins who inflicted this punishment upon the families of Chati Singhpora are unknown. Regardless of their nationality and religion, they have covered this Kashmiri village with the blood of their victims and have taken 35 innocent men from the arms of their loving families.

Hundreds of villages like Chanti Singhpora are trapped, guilty only of unfortunate geog-

raphy. I call upon all people to end the slaughter of innocents, to halt the violence which has divided Kashmir, and to search for common ground upon which a just and lasting peace may be erected. No more families should know such horror. I ask all of my colleagues here today to pledge themselves to peace in Kashmir, and to stop at nothing until the bloodshed has ended.

#### CONGRATULATING HARRY G. SHARP, III, OF SIKESTON, MO. ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

#### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Pastor Harry G. Sharp, III is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Harry who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Harry is the son of Ruth Felker and the late H. Garwood Sharp, Jr. and is one of six generations of the Sharp family who have lived and been involved in the community of Sikeston, MO. Harry is the pastor of the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Sikeston. As the pastor of Smith Chapel and an active member of the Sunset community, Harry appreciates the work of those generations that helped make Sikeston a better place to live.

Graduating from Sikeston High School, Harry attended and earned a degree from Westminster College and Florida State University. He is a Vietnam era veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, has taught mathematics at Florida State and Spelman College, operated a consulting business in Atlanta, taught physics at Sikeston and Kelly High School, and consulted with the Sharper System. After two tours in the Army, Harry joined IBM Corporation in St. Louis.

During most of his adult life, Harry has been involved in mission and outreach activities in countries from Korea to Russia, Haiti to Hayti, and he has found that people are much the same everywhere. His travel experience includes passing a peace pipe with the Menominee Indians one year before our Nation's bicentennial and talking about what this country has meant to each of us. Whether it was working with folks in the coal mining regions of Appalachia, hurricane ravaged people in the Caribbean, orphans in Korea, or refugees from Nicaragua, Harry found that volunteer hands accomplished much more than government programs.

An early supporter of Sikeston area organizations such as Weed & Seed, Bootheel Healthy Start, and Save Our Children, Harry has continued his family's active involvement in their community. Harry has observed that his involvement as the pastor of a church in Sunset has prompted many people who didn't know each other to meet, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen ties across the community of Sikeston. To quote Harry's words, "There are very few problems here, or anywhere, that cannot be solved if we just sit down to a meal of fellowship with one another."

Harry and his wife Anita returned to Sikeston in 1993. His son, Woody, brought his

family to Sikeston the following year providing the enjoyment of three grandchildren. Anita's son and daughter attend college in Georgia, and the couple has an adopted Russian daughter who has been part of Sikeston and has hosted Anita and Harry in Russia.

Congratulations, Harry, on your recognition by the Daughters of Sunset. Your lifelong dedication to family, community and fellowship is an inspiration to us all.

#### HIGHLAND COUNCIL CHAPTER OF THE CATHOLIC FRATERNAL LIFE INSURANCE

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend a great organization in my district, the Highland Council Chapter of the Catholic Fraternal Life Insurance organization. Catholic Fraternal Life is a 115 year old, member owned, life insurance organization. It is also the largest volunteer organization in the United States, with 10 million members, representing thousands of volunteers.

The Highland Council recently participated in the "Hearts and Hands" project by adopting a needy family for Christmas. They were able to donate \$600 dollars in gifts for this family. Catholic Fraternal Life represents the true meaning of Christmas. They are a shining light for all of us to follow.

#### IN HONOR OF JACOB KASKEY

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Jacob Kaskey of Olmsted Falls. Jacob has been named as one of Ohio's top two student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards.

Jacob, a senior at Olmsted Falls High School, initiated a coloring book and crayon drive to benefit homeless children staying at various shelters in area. Jacob was awakened to this need during one of his regular visits to help serve meals at a homeless shelter. It was a cool night, too cold for the children to play outside, they had nothing to do. "A toy could not be found for mile," Jacob said. He mentioned this problem to his minister, he was told that a lack of toys is a common problem in shelters. Jacob decided to help. But rather than toys—which are not permitted to leave the shelter—he collected coloring books and crayons. He enlisted the help of his classmates and others to help. He wrote letters and made personal visits to area businesses asking for donations of money and coloring books. Jacob received a very strong response. When they delivered the books to the shelter Jacob and his volunteers stayed to serve dinner and play with the children.

Jacob was nominated by his high school for his outstanding service to the community. An effort which needed to be recognized. As a State honoree he will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip in May to Washington, DC.

Please join me in honoring Jacob for his outstanding leadership and service in his community.

# RECOGNITION OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 179th anniversary of Greek Independence.

In March of 1821, Alexandros Ypsilantis led his small band of troops across the Prut River into Ottoman-held Moldavia. Much like the men and women who fought for our own nation's independence, the soldiers who followed Ypsilantis came from all corners of the Ottoman territories, from all classes of Greek society, and from all walks of life. They traversed the waters of the Prut toward an enemy that vastly outnumbered them, and toward an empire which posed an almost insurmountable obstacle to the pursuit of freedom.

Though they were defeated, the courageous efforts of Ypsilantis and his troops planted a seed in the hearts of thousands of Greeks. This seed grew into a flourishing movement toward religious freedom, a re-inspired sense of cultural identity, and a long awaited return to the democratic ideals which were born in ancient Greece. On March 25, 1821, a series of revolts spread across northern Greece and the Peloponnese with the unified purpose of establishing Greek sovereignty. Today, 179 years later, Greeks throughout the world pause in thanks to their ancestors for returning to them the basic rights of representation and civil and religious freedom that we all assume to be our birthrights, but which are truly blessings.

I would like to congratulate Greece and the Greek-American community for their renewed freedom, and I ask you to join with me in wishing them an upcoming century of peace, prosperity, and self-determination.

# A TRIBUTE TO THE COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

**HON. KAREN L. THURMAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida is celebrating two very important anniversaries this year—the introduction of journalism courses at the university 75 years ago and the remarkable man who founded the journalism school 50 years ago, the late Mr. Rae O. Weimer.

Mr. Rae Weimer's vision and dedication to journalism guided the formation of the journalism school in 1949 and later the transition of the school into an actual college in 1967. He went on to serve as the first dean of the College of Journalism and Communications.

Today, in many ways, Mr. Weimer's legacy remains visible throughout the College. The

building where the College is housed bears his name, and the remarkable growth of the College and caliber of the faculty and students are considered a testament to his vision and leadership.

People who had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Weimer compliment his uncompromising commitment to quality journalism.

Among Mr. Weimer's many admirers is Brent Williams, a graduate of the College and the Director of Development and Community Relations at the University's public TV and radio stations. He describes Mr. Weimer as a man "totally committed to the students."

He speaks fondly of Mr. Weimer's gentle manner in dealing with students struggling to perform to the best of their abilities. He was known to meet with students to encourage them to do better. His uplifting and supportive pep talks helped the students to believe in themselves and excel.

Mr. David Flagg, another graduate of the College who is a former state legislator and now the director of government relations for Shands HealthCare, said Mr. Weimer often talked to students about a reporter's role as "gatekeeper" and impressed upon the students the importance of responsible and unbiased reporting.

Mr. Weimer's newsroom experience often guided him in knowing how to best prepare students for careers in journalism and communications. He emphasized "hands-on" as well as academic preparation for both faculty members and students.

Today, the College's undergraduate and graduate programs provide extensive opportunities for hands-on journalism experience in print, television, radio and in news media.

I've had the pleasure of being interviewed many times by student reporters at the university's radio and television stations and The Independent Florida Alligator. The students work hard, ask pointed questions and produce thorough, accurate and informative stories.

This shows me that the students at the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications are getting a first-rate education. They are also providing a valuable community service.

In addition to Mr. Weimer's remarkable contribution, many other people deserve recognition for the College's achievements, including the three deans who came after him and built upon his vision: Dr. John Paul Jones, Jr., Dr. Ralph L. Lowenstein and, currently, Dr. Terry Hynes.

"Celebration 2000" is a tribute to all of them, including the students and faculty members over the last 75 years who have played a role in the College's outstanding growth and climb to national stature.

The University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications consistently ranks among the top 10 journalism schools in the country and students place prominently in a variety of national and regional collegiate journalism competitions.

The list is also getting longer of distinguished alumni.

This year, the College's Alumni of Distinction Awards for 2000 were presented to Dennis Kneale of Forbes magazine; Rene S. "Butch" Meily, vice-president of the public relations firm of Rubenstein Associates; Yvette Miley, executive producer of WTVJ-TV in Miami; W. Richard "Dick" Monroe, vice-presi-

dent for environmental affairs for DARDEN Restaurants (Red Lobster and The Olive Garden); Joan Ryan, a columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle; and Carol A. Sanger, vice president of corporate communications and external affairs for Federated Department Stores, Inc.

These fine men and women represent merely a small sampling of the hundreds of successful graduates from the College who are now leaders in newsrooms and businesses throughout this community, the State of Florida and the entire country. They are all proof that the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications provides students with the skills they need to build successful careers in journalism, public relations, advertising and other professions.

That's the real measure—far and above national rankings and awards—of a college's educational quality. After all, as the University's capital campaign makes clear, "It's performance that Counts."

Many thanks to all of you for making this College among the best in the country and for maintaining a steadfast commitment to educational excellence.

# CONGRATULATING MISSIONARY GEARLENE (GERRI) LUTTRELL, OF SIKESTON, MO ON HER RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Gearlene (Gerri) Luttrell is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Gerri who is being recognized on this day for her community involvement.

Gerri is the daughter of Mattie Riggs and the late Hershel Riggs, Sr. and is a long time resident of Sikeston, MO. Gerri is the mother of four children, D'Ann, Delisa, Cheryl and Derek. She attended O'Brannon High School in New Madrid, MO and Richland High School in Gray Ridge, MO where she graduated in 1962. Gerri went on to graduate from the Licensed Practical School of Nursing in Sikeston, MO in 1964 and was employed with Missouri Delta Medical Center for over 20 years. Gerri retired from the Delta Medical Center this past December.

Gerri is a member of Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Minister Sylvester Morgan. She is a member of the adult choir and holds the position of minister of music. In March 1999, Gerri accepted her call into the Preaching and Teaching Ministry. Gerri is also a member of the Daughters of Sunset and is the vice president and minister of music for Mission Missouri Organization.

Congratulations, Gerri, on your recognition by the Daughters of Sunset. Your lifelong dedication to the health of your community and to the ministry in Sikeston, MO is an inspiration to us all.

## TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY NICHOLS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend Lindsay Nichols from my hometown of Collinsville, Illinois. Lindsay was named as one of Illinois' top student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Lindsay is a 17 year-old senior at Collinsville High School. She launched a month-long drive to encourage responsible pet adoption and to collect donations of soda cans, paper towels, pet food, and cash for the benefit of two Humane Shelters in our community.

I heartily applaud Lindsay for her initiative in seeking to make our community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world. Lindsay's actions show that young Americans can and do play important roles in our communities and that the American spirit is alive and well in the actions of our younger generation. Thank you Lindsay.

## HONORING A MILITARY HERO

**HON. JOEL HEFLEY**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to my constituent, Bill Crawford, who was one of our Nation's distinguished military heroes and one of my community's great treasures. Bill passed away on March 15 at the age of 81, having led an exemplary life that took him from being a small-town grocery delivery boy to a recipient of the nation's highest military honor.

As an Army private in the fall of 1943, Bill was on a scouting mission near Altavilla, Italy when he encountered an enemy machine-gun nest prepared to fire at his platoon. Without orders, Bill advanced to within yards of the German fighters, threw a grenade into the pit from which they were firing and saved his platoon.

Private Crawford then turned his valor on not one, but two, additional machine-gun nests firing at American soldiers. He was able to overtake both German encampments and turn the captured machine-guns on fleeing German soldiers.

When United States forces moved ahead, Crawford stayed behind to care for a friend who had been injured. He was captured by German soldiers and spent 19 months as a prisoner of war.

Presumed dead, Crawford was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously on May 11, 1944. Maj. Gen. Terry Allen presented the award to Bill's grieving father at Camp Carson, just 30 miles from Bill's hometown of Pueblo, CO.

Two months after Private Crawford's Medal of Honor was presented to his father, the family received news that Bill was alive. One year later, Private Crawford was released from prison.

After his release, Bill returned to his Colorado roots. He met and married his wife Eileen, and began a family that eventually included two children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He returned to military service, much of it as an Army recruiter in his home town of Pueblo.

Bill ended his career at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he worked as a janitor and served as a mentor to the students. The cadets at the Academy loved Bill and paid tribute to his distinguished military career by asking him each spring to present the "Outstanding Cadet" award to a member of the graduating class.

On May 30, 1984, Bill was presented with an honor of his own. President Ronald Reagan was the commencement speaker that day at the graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Air Force Academy. During his speech, President Reagan turned his attention to Bill, who was crisply dressed in his military uniform, and hung the Medal of Honor around his neck. Seventeen years after his retirement from the military, and 40 years after his heroism at Altavilla, Bill was finally presented with his Medal of Honor award.

As a Medal of Honor recipient, Bill distinguished himself through exemplary service to this nation. He answered the call to arms and bravely faced hazardous duty, hand to hand combat and imprisonment by the German army.

He was also dedicated to his family and his community. He was an extraordinary man, who displayed humility, kindness and love in all that he did. We will miss this gentle man in Colorado Springs, and we extend to his family our sincere condolences.

Our Nation bids farewell to one of her great heroes and I bid farewell to a friend.

NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION  
WEEK**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of National Poison Prevention Week, an event each and every parent ought to mark in big, bold letters on their calendar. Ever since 1962, we've set aside one week each year to raise awareness about accidental poisonings and how to prevent them. But we also know poison prevention is a round-the-clock, day-in, day-out concern. Between two and four million poisonings occur each year, sending thousands to the hospital. Most accidental poisonings occur in the home, and more than half of the victims each year are children. It is critical we all learn how to prevent children from accidentally gaining access to these products.

The theme of this year's poison prevention campaign is "Children Act Fast. So Do Poisons." Poisonings can occur in the blink of an eye, when parents or caregivers are briefly distracted by the telephone or doorbell, leaving curious children alone for a split second. Because poisons act quickly, quick action is needed to save the child's life. Often, the first and best response is to call the nearest Poison Control Center or local emergency personnel. Time after time they are quickly able

to determine what the child has swallowed and what's the best remedy.

How do they do it? How do they do it so fast? And most miraculously, how do they do it while a distraught parent waits and prays on the phone? Do these heroes have encyclopedic memories? No, but they have the next best thing. They have access to a comprehensive electronic database called POISINDEX® which identifies and provides ingredient information with 1.2 million entries for commercial, pharmaceutical and biological substances. It also provides treatment protocols—or antidotes—for poisons. Every day, emergency teams are tapping into POISINDEX® to get answers while a life hangs in the balance.

I am proud to have MICROMEDEX and their 500 employees which provide such important products in my district. It is especially appropriate we recognize the value of this under-appreciated database as Congress prepares to take steps to prevent database piracy. MICROMEDEX, of Englewood, Colorado and the producer of POISINDEX®, has grave concerns that unless we close a gap in the law its work could be stolen, an act of piracy that could endanger the safety of many people.

Some might argue that the more widely we distribute information about poisons and their antidotes, the better. Although this notion is well intended, it is also misguided and could have serious consequences. Scientific knowledge is constantly moving forward, and as a result, medical information can rapidly go out-of-date. The POISINDEX® team of 125 industry expert editors is dedicated—as a business and as corporate citizens—to providing unbiased information of unsurpassed breadth and depth. For 25 years they have invested a lot of time, money and effort doing precisely that. The problem is, a commitment to the integrity of the information is not necessarily shared by people who would pirate the contents of POISINDEX® and distribute or sell them on the Internet or elsewhere. This is the type of "sweat of the brow" databases that Congress needs to prevent from being pirated.

If POISINDEX® can be copied and distributed by pirates, it raises a truly frightening specter: the emergency team searching frantically for information, only to find it is incomplete, out-of-date or inaccurate. Imagine yourself as the parent in that nightmare.

Legislation pending before the House, H.R. 354, of which I am a cosponsor, will prevent database piracy and ensure that POISINDEX® will continue to help save lives. By preventing piracy, H.R. 354 maintains the incentives database publishers need to stay in business. It also encourages competition within this growing industry, which will lead to the creation of more high quality products.

Yes, POISINDEX® is an extreme example with potentially extreme consequences. But even in less dire cases, the principle is the same. Unless we do something about database piracy, we will undermine the commitment of producers to build and maintain the integrity and accuracy of the databases we depend on every day.

We can all be grateful to MICROMEDEX for creating and maintaining such a vital product, and for showing how accurate information can literally save lives. It is the most graphic example I can imagine of how poison prevention and database protection go hand-in-hand.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this year's National Poison Prevention



Week and timely action on H.R. 354. We must prevent database piracy and maintain the integrity of databases that are critical to us all. We owe that to every child and every parent who picks up that phone in their moment of distress.

HONORING NOTU ON ITS 50TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. DAVE WELDON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) in Florida's 15 Congressional District is celebrating its 50th birthday this year, and I want to extend my congratulations to the men and women who work at NOTU today, and to those who have supported its vital mission in the past.

In 1956, NOTU became the site for all test firings of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program, launching first from land and then from submerged submarines a continuous series of Polaris, Poseidon, and, today, Trident missiles. Although NASA and Air Force space launches are the most publicized, the Navy is the largest user of the Eastern Range at Cape Canaveral, conducting over half of the missile firings on the Range.

NOTU's anniversary happens to fall in the same year as the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Submarine Force. On October 12, 1900, the U.S. Navy commissioned the first submarine, the U.S.S. *Holland*, so this year is even more special for the people of NOTU. I'm pleased that there is an effort underway in Congress to honor this important national achievement, and I am a proud cosponsor of House Resolution 397 that does just that.

But it gets even better—this year is also the 50th anniversary of the first launch from Florida's Space Coast. Bumper 8, a captured German V-2 rocket, was launched on July 24, 1950 at 9:28 a.m.

We'll be celebrating all three of these important anniversaries on April 1 in Florida, one of several events planned, and I want to thank everyone involved—including NOTU, the 45th Space Wing, NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the aerospace industry, and a very supportive community—for their hard work during this important trio of anniversaries.

NOTU continues to be a vital part of Florida's Space Coast. They have played a role in the rich heritage of Florida for half a century, and I know they will continue to serve this nation with honor for another half century and beyond.

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Shalonda Carr from Lanphier High

School in Springfield, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Shalonda all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

TRIBUTE TO THE SIMI VALLEY  
HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DE-  
CATHLON TEAM

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the California State Champion Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team.

The Simi Valley team's win this past weekend was impressive, beating last year's National Champions by a mere 21 points. Last year's National Champions also hail from my district—Moorpark High School. The two have been trading the Ventura County title for the past eight years, and now have the distinction of trading the California State title.

Next month, Simi Valley High School will travel to San Antonio, Texas, where they will compete against 37 other schools from across the United States in an attempt to capture the National Champion title for Ventura County for the second consecutive year.

The nine-student Simi Valley High School team is representative of the best and brightest our country has to offer. They have been accepted to such universities as Harvard and Stanford. Seniors David Bartlett, Steve Mihalovitz, Cary Opal, Jeff Robertson, Jennifer Tran, Michael Truex, Justin Underhill, Randy Xu and junior Kevin White are truly America's future leaders. Their coach, Ken Hibbitts, is a dedicated educator who deserves equal praise for a phenomenal job of preparing his students.

Whatever the outcome in San Antonio, Simi Valley High School has proven that Ventura County is an educational powerhouse. They have also proven that Ventura County students and teachers have the dedication and perseverance to be the best they can possibly be. It takes months of studying from early morning to late at night to prepare for these competitions. Jobs, friends and family are placed on the back burner.

Coach Hibbitts says his team has the dedication and determination to win a national award. They will be champions either way.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating the California State Champion Simi Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team for its impressive win this week, and in wishing the team great success in the national championships.

HONORING THE MARCH ON SELMA

**HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, it's truly an honor to join those distinguished colleagues

who traveled to Alabama for the 35th anniversary of the March on Selma and to honor the people who struggled for so many years to bring equality and civil rights to all Americans.

This year, my daughter came with me to retrace the steps of the civil rights movement. Together, we walked arm in arm over the Edmund Pettus Bridge. This is the same bridge where my good friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, and others were met by brutal police and vicious dogs as they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery. These brave souls prevented from Freedom of Movement by those charged to uphold the laws.

Together, my daughter and I sat in the 16th Street Baptist Church where four young innocent girls were killed by a bomb. A bomb thrown out of fear and hate, in a sad attempt to frighten and intimidate. These four young children doing nothing more than exercising their First Amendment right to Freedom of Religion.

Together, my daughter and I stood in front of a charred bus in which young men and women sat as it was set ablaze by people of Birmingham. Courageous people, known as the Freedom Riders, who were traveling throughout the South protesting segregation laws. Beaten for engaging in lawful civil disobedience.

Together, my daughter and I met so many men and women that fought so bravely and proudly and sacrificed themselves for something they believed in. We met Fred Shuttlesworth in front of a statue of himself, and heard him recount his personal experiences of the movement. We were inspired and humbled as he spoke of things he endured.

We sang spirituals with Bettie Mae Fikes at the Civil Rights Memorial—feeling the strength of her voice and emotion. The words touching our very souls.

We listened to the words of Coretta Scott King. We heard of her own struggles and those of her husband to ensure dignity and equality for all people.

As we traveled together throughout the South, I looked into my daughter's eyes. She is now in college—still though, my little girl. And, I knew why these men and women were fighting so hard, so bravely, for so long. They were fighting for not just for themselves—but for the future. The future of their children. The future of my children—of my daughter.

These men and women of all ages, creeds, and races sacrificed themselves in both mind and body. Some of them died merciful deaths at the hands of hatred. I pray that those who lost their lives are looking down on us today and know that they made the difference. They changed direction of this country. They changed the future of this country.

Thirty-five years ago, black and white children did not go to school together. Black men and white men did not use the same water fountain or eat at the same restaurant counter.

Today, Americans are electing people of all races to political office, and these men and women are working together to represent everyone. But, so much more needs to be done. We cannot rest. We cannot stop. We cannot give up until all people, of all races, of all faiths are equal.

To ensure that we do not forget. That we do not stop. We must educate our children and our children's children.

One of the most memorable events during this trip was meeting Mrs. Mobley. Mrs.



Mobley was the mother of Emmett Till, the young black man that was lynched after being accused of whistling at a white woman. Mrs. Mobley said, as she looked at myself and my colleagues, "I now know why God has kept me alive for so long."

We, as the generation that took part and remembers the civil right movement, have a duty. We must educate our children. Our children, black, white, Hispanic, Asian and Native American must know the sacrifice that our fellow men and women made to advance all of us. We must not allow their efforts to fade into history. Their struggle must not become just another paragraph in our history books. We must keep the memories alive.

So Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to say: I Remember and I will not stop.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2ND ANNUAL FINDING YOUR ROOTS CONFERENCE, AN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2nd Annual Finding Your Roots Conference, an African American Family History Research Project taking place on Saturday, March 25, 2000, in Oakland, California.

Genealogical research helps bridge the racial divide, brings understanding between races, and provides for the powerful "sankofa" experience of recognizing our past to better understand who we are today. Therefore, it is my belief that this conference is a wonderful testimony to the complexity and the magnificence of the human experience.

This event is designed to raise awareness within the African American community about the importance of tracing one's ancestry, particularly those whose ancestors were original depositors of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. Freedman's was created by Congress and President Lincoln in 1865 for emancipated slaves. Unfortunately, Freedman's went bankrupt when 95% of the bank's money was borrowed and never repaid by white Americans. This conference will also provide opportunities for African Americans and all American families to share their ancestral information with each other.

The conference is co-sponsored by the California Genealogical Society, African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Legacy Jubilee Arts, Mid-Peninsula NAACP, Oakland Temple Family History Center, Center for Urban Black Studies and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Additional participating organizations include the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church and the Voices of Evergreen Choir and the Morningstar Baptist Church. The featured speakers of the conference include Senior Research Consultant of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ms. Marie Taylor and award-winning broadcaster Mr. Darius Gray, who has traced his own family's ancestry back to the 1700's. Together, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Gray have been working on a project to extract one million names from Freedman's deposit records.

"Finding Your Roots" it is truly a valuable resource for all and I encourage everyone to begin finding their own roots today.

MAKE DUBAI INVESTMENTS PAY ITS BILLS

**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to apply pressure to Dubai Investments, a very profitable joint stock public holding company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to pay its debts to American companies. The proposal is directed toward the government of the UAE, because both the government of Dubai and Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the deputy ruler of Dubai, are founding investors and major stockholders in Dubai Investments—a rogue company that utilized unethical business practices left over 100 Georgians.

The Dubai Investment/United Arab Emirates Debt Repayment Act of 2000 addresses the situation that brought this issue to my attention—Dubai Investments' refusal to fulfill the terms of its contract with Pascoe Building Systems, Inc. Pascoe was once a mid-sized manufacturer with over \$20 million in annual sales. Today, Pascoe's doors are shut as a result of Dubai Investments' failure to fulfill its contractual compensation obligation. My legislation will prevent the pending sale of F-16 fighter aircraft to the UAE until the President certifies that Dubai Investments has fulfilled its obligations under its agreements with Pascoe Building Systems, Inc.

It is time for Congress to defend American businesses against rogue foreign corporations that intend never to pay their bills. I encourage my colleagues to support The Dubai Investments/United Arab Emirates Debt Repayment Act of 2000.

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mr. Allen Dixon from Lanphier High School in Springfield, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity—to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Allen all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLADYS AND WILLIAM KEY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Gladys and William Ney will celebrate their 57th Anniversary today, March 24, 2000;

Whereas, Gladys and William declared their love in a ceremony before God, family and friends in Bellaire, Ohio;

Whereas, 2000 will mark 57 years of sharing, loving, working together and raising a family of two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandsons;

Whereas, may Gladys and William be blessed with all the happiness and love that you can share and may their love grow with each passing year;

THEREFORE: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Neys on their 57th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing this special couple many more years of happiness together.

COLORADO'S FIRST LADY RECEIVES EDGAR F. "DADDY" ALLEN AWARD

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize an exceptional woman, Colorado's First Lady, Frances Owens. On June 9th, she will receive the Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen Award, the highest honor presented by the Easter Seals. Frances is the recipient of this award because of her work on behalf of children and for supporting many programs that benefit the well-being of the state's youth. The award is named for the founder of The National Easter Seals Society, who was nicknamed "Daddy" by the children he helped. Mrs. Owens emulates the goals and objects of "Daddy" Allen.

Mrs. Owens has volunteered her time to many charitable organizations. She sits as Honorary Chair for several organizations including, Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build, the Osteoporosis Foundation's America Walks for Strong Women, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Samaritan's Purse, ArtReach and the Colorado Historical Society. Mrs. Owens also served as Honorary Chair for the first Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Day and sits on the Board of the Children's Hospital Cardiac Care Center. Most importantly, Mrs. Owens enjoys spending time as a mother of three children.

It is obvious why First Lady Frances Owens was chosen as the recipient of the Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen Award. I think we all owe her a debt of gratitude for her service to the state. Because of Mrs. Owens' dedication, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.

HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF  
WESTCHESTER**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an important organization within my district, the Rotary Club of Westchester. Tomorrow the Rotary Club of Westchester will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a valuable member of the community.

For the last 50 years, the Rotary Club of Westchester has provided generous support to various programs throughout the community. Its members are community and professional leaders who have been active in education and literacy, scholarship programs, student exchange programs, and book sales to benefit the local region.

As the Rotary Club of Westchester holds its 50th Anniversary Gala this Saturday, Richard Jones will also be celebrating a milestone. Dick Jones is the last remaining charter member who is still active in the organization, and he has achieved a remarkable 100 percent attendance for 49 consecutive years. Dick has helped make the Rotary Club of Westchester the fine organization that it is today. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Westchester Patron, served as rotary president, and is a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. I commend Dick for his commitment to the Rotary Club of Westchester and thank him for his service to the community.

I congratulate the members of the Rotary Club of Westchester on achieving this milestone. It is a valuable member of the Westchester community and its contributions are appreciated. I wish the Club continued success for the future.

TRIBUTE TO NEW BERLIN WEST  
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the New Berlin West High School Boys' Basketball team, which won the Division II State Championship on March 18, 2000. These impressive young men brought home the first state title in school history, and were only the 27th school in tournament history to win a championship in their first try. With an outstanding 26-0 record, the Vikings swept their way to the Woodland Conference title, State title, and a Number One ranking in state polls. I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the entire team, including Head Coach Jeff Lewiston and All-State Honorable Mentions John and Jason Chappell, for a job well done. The students, faculty and staff of New Berlin West High School, as well as the greater communities of New Berlin, Waukesha County, and the 4th Congressional District, have reason to be proud.

## GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Ms. Rachel Ladage from Taylorville High School in Taylorville, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Rachel all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MARY  
NEY**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I honor today the memory of Mary A. Ney, who passed away on March 19, 2000.

Mary was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. She and her husband, Thomas J. Ney, Sr. had one son and Mary had three stepsons and six step-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a lady who gave so much of herself to her community, her church and her family. Mary will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

IN HONOR OF GREEK  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Greek Independence Day, March 25, 2000.

During the rule of the Ottoman Empire from the fifteenth through nineteenth centuries, the Greek people never lost sight of their distinct identity and deep devotion to their Orthodox Church, whose clergy played a critical function in maintaining their language and religion. As the eighteenth century ended, the Greeks began organizing a struggle for their freedom. On March 25, 1821, Bishop Germanos called for all to join the campaign for Greek independence. Despite overwhelming odds, thousands of Greeks throughout the region responded to this inspiring call and fought heroically.

The combination of Greek sacrifice and bravery with the help of foreign volunteers succeeded by the end of the 1820s in establishing an independent Greek state. The Greek-American community offers a cultural bridge between the two countries and takes

pride that Greek ideals contributed to America's revolution before Greeks themselves had the chance to follow a related and successful campaign for freedom.

This year, Greek Independence Day will be celebrated in Cleveland with an annual parade led by his Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The parade will be a celebration of the Greek struggle for independence that took place 179 years ago. Parade Committee Chairperson Toulia Spirtos stressed the value of this event when she said, "We owe it to our children to preserve those ideas for which the fighters of 1821 shed blood to win and our fathers shed sweat and tears to preserve for us."

My fellow colleagues, please join me in celebrating Greek Independence Day.

## HONORING PAT HALBERSTADT

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly honor a wonderful citizen and community member from my Congressional District in California. My friend Pat Halberstadt will be recognized this weekend by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

This is a local grassroots, citizen-directed effort to promote international understanding and build bridges between communities. The association carries on a relationship with Garden Grove's sister city, Anyang, South Korea. In a city that is home to so many Korean Americans, the association is to be commended for its work.

Pat Halberstadt is known for her work with the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove. In fact, I think it's fair to say that without Pat, there wouldn't be a Boys & Girls club there.

Pat has lived in Garden Grove all her life—perhaps that's why she cares about our community so much. Her dedication knows no bounds and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Because of her work, we can provide a safe, high-quality source of activities and resources for our children and young people after school and for their families. Pat is also recognized for her expertise in her field, and has been asked to serve on numerous state, county and local boards.

Mr. Speaker, we are so grateful to Pat for all she's given our community's kids, and I am proud to honor her in Congress today.

HONORING KATHRYN ELIZABETH  
GRANAHAN DURING WOMEN'S  
HISTORY MONTH**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month by recognizing the contributions of an important figure from my home area. Kathryn Elizabeth Granahan had an extensive career in public service as a former Congresswoman and Treasurer of the United States.

Kathryn Granahan first served as supervisor of public assistance in the Pennsylvania State Auditor General's Department and the liaison officer between that department and the Department of Public Assistance. She also was a member of the national board of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She forayed into national politics as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960. Kathryn Granahan was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1956 by a special election held after her husband, representative William Thomas Granahan, passed away. She filled the vacancy for that Congress and then was elected three more times, serving a total of eight years.

Kathryn Granahan, the first woman elected to Congress from the Philadelphia area, demonstrated leadership and resolve during her time in this body. She eventually became Chairman of the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Operations and took the lead in sponsoring important and controversial legislation. Kathryn Granahan was at the forefront of the fight against pornography in the mail. She introduced legislation to increase criminal penalties for perpetrators who sought to send pornographic material in the mail and she strengthened the power of the Post Office to impound such mail. She also contributed to the Supreme Court guidelines on obesity.

Kathryn Granahan served on the Committee on the District of Columbia, the Committee on Government Operations, and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. Among other important votes for housing for veterans, an increase in wages for federal employees and increased funding for federal agencies, she voted for the monumental Civil Rights Act of 1957.

After the 1960 Census it was determined that Philadelphia would lose one of its seats in the House of Representatives. Her seat was chosen for elimination. However, as compensation, President Kennedy appointed Kathryn Granahan as Treasurer of the United States. She served as Treasurer for three years before resigning in October of 1966 due to health reasons. She passed away in Morristown, Pennsylvania in July, 1979.

I am proud to acknowledge Kathryn Granahan and her accomplishments, both for Pennsylvania and for Women's History Month.

#### WORLD TB DAY

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, this Friday is World TB Day, and it reminds us that we are still not safe from this devastating disease. Although we have long known a treatment for TB, the sad truth is that this year, it will kill more people than any other year in history.

TB is the biggest infectious killer of young women in the world. In fact, TB kills more women than any single cause of maternal mortality—more than childbirth or AIDS.

In the developing world, tuberculosis also destroys girls' and women's futures. TB tends to attack its victims in their most productive years, often killing or sickening the primary breadwinner of a family. In order to pay for

medical costs and generate income, families frequently take their young girls out of school and put them to work. TB often means the loss of educational opportunity for girls of poor families.

In some parts of the world there is a great stigma attached to contracting TB. This leads to increased isolation, abandonment and divorce of women. According to WHO, recent studies on India found that 100,000 women are rejected by their families because of TB every year. In Nepal, there are numerous stories of young widows with no income and no prospects for another marriage turning to prostitution in order to support their families.

Currently an estimated one third of the world's population including some 10–15 million people in the United States are infected with the TB bacteria. Because TB is an infectious disease which can be transmitted simply by breathing in TB bacteria, there is no way to stop TB at national borders. The only way to eliminate TB here in the U.S. is to control it abroad.

It is crucial that we act immediately to control the spread of TB worldwide. There is only a small window of opportunity available to us to do so. If we fail to act now, resistant strains of TB will continue to develop which will be incredibly costly and possibly even impossible to treat. The Foreign Operations SC has led in the effort to make TB control a global priority for the U.S. Now is the time to ratchet up that effort.

Yesterday, my colleague, SHERROD BROWN and I introduced H.R. 4057, the Stop TB Now Act which calls for a U.S. investment of \$100 million in international TB control in fiscal year 2001. An investment of \$100 million would jump start effective TB control programs in those countries with the highest TB rates. If we do not invest in international TB control now when we have the means to cost-effectively control this disease around the globe, we may lose that opportunity altogether, and see a surge of MDR—TB that becomes a nearly uncontrollable plague. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this important legislation.

#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CHARLIE REAGAN

### HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I honor a fine gentleman, Mr. Charlie Reagan of my home town of Bay City, Michigan, on the occasion of his retirement from the Social Security Administration. As our area Congressional Liaison for Social Security matters, Charlie has been an invaluable resource for the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, which I am proud to represent in Congress today.

Charlie was born in Gladwin, Michigan and has a long history of contributing to our community, both in his capacity as a representative of the Social Security Administration and as a citizen and community leader.

Charlie graduated from the former Bay City Handy High School and later, from my alma mater, Saginaw Valley State University. In 1968, he became one of our nation's most honored citizens, when he joined the United States Army. He served two years in Anchor-

age, Alaska, and was honorably discharged in 1970.

Charlie began his career with the Social Security Administration [SSA] prior to his service in our nation's armed forces, and upon his discharge, rejoined the agency in Bay City. In 1973, he was transferred to the Quality Assurance Group in Chicago, and in 1975, was promoted to Supervisor in the Muskegon SSA office. In 1982, we were fortunate to welcome Charlie to the Saginaw SSA office, where he has helped countless men, women and children with their Social Security rights and benefits.

Not only has Charlie's career effectively served the greater public interest, he has been involved in our community as a private citizen as well. Charlie and his wife of twenty-eight years, Beverly, are both members of St. John's Episcopal, where Charlie has served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Usher Coordinator. Both he and Beverly are members of the Education For Ministry at the Church. Charlie has, for many years, lent his services to helping the United Way in our community, where he has chaired the Combined Federal Campaign program. Charlie has also been involved in the Social Security Find Program, which helps sons and daughters find their parents and grandparents. And in 1999, Charlie received an award from the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations for his service in bringing to justice individuals who commit Social Security fraud.

In his retirement, it is my understanding that Charlie intends to spend some quality time with his wife, Beverly, and their son, Christopher. Charlie is an avid racquetball player and dedicated crossword puzzle fan, so I fully expect him to continue with his favorite hobbies. It is also my understanding that Charlie has plans to build a state-of-the-art hot rod, much to the dismay of his wife. I wish Beverly much luck in this endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join with me in congratulating Mr. Charlie Reagan on the occasion of his retirement, and thanking him for his selfless service to our community. I wish him, and his family, continued success in all his future endeavors.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, NJ

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my constituents in the Borough of Highlands, NJ, as this community celebrates its 100th anniversary. To commemorate this great occasion, a centennial dinner was held yesterday evening at Bahr's restaurant, since 1917 an institution in this community located on beautiful Sandy Hook Bay.

Mr. Speaker, we stand at the threshold of a new century. At the last turn of the century, Highlands became a borough, having separated from Middleton Township. But, the history of the area goes back a great deal further. The first Europeans to see Highlands were Giovanni Verrazano and his crew aboard the *Dauphine*. The first map of the Highlands area was made by the Spaniard Diego Ribero, who called the area now known to us as

Sandy Hook as Cabo De Arenas (cape of sands) and the Navesink/Shrewsbury River as Rio de Santiago. It was on September 2, 1609, that Henry Hudson first saw the Highlands area. The name of this explorer continues to be a household name in the Borough as the regional high school serving the young people of the area is Henry Hudson Regional High School.

Throughout the Colonial and Revolutionary eras, many of the illustrious names still recalled throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey and the nation were associated with Highlands. Richard Hartshorne, for whom Hartshorne Woods County Park is named, settled in Highlands in 1678. In 1778, the British General Clinton retreated through Highlands after his defeat in the Battle of Monmouth, a major turning point in America's War for Independence. In 1782, Captain Joshua Huddy was hanged at Water Witch.

Phillip Freneau, known as the "poet of the Revolution," wrote a poem called "Navesink" focused on the Highlands hills. James Fennimore Cooper served in the Navy doing shore patrol of the Raritan Bay area during the years 1805–11, and in 1830 this great American writer would produce *The Water Witch*, whose setting is the Highlands hills. (Water Witch Avenue is to this day one of the borough's thoroughfares.) In 1872, the noted engraver Granville Perkins came to Highlands to sketch several scenes for the first edition of *Picturesque America*. In 1876, William Cullen Bryant published the Centennial Edition of *Picturesque America* in which Highlands was featured in the picture and text as the leading site. In 1875, Walt Whitman visited Highlands and wrote two poems, "Fancies at Navesink." In 1889, Harper's magazine writer F.E. Fryatt visited Highlands and wrote extensively of its beauty, sites and quaint way of life. That same year, the noted writer Gustav Kobbe visited Highlands and described town life, writing the first description of the clamming industry.

Perhaps the best known landmark of Highlands is the Twin Lights, which holds a commanding position overlooking Sandy Hook Bay and the gateway from the New Jersey/New York Harbor area to the Atlantic Ocean. The first single beacon lighthouse was built in 1765. It was in 1828 that the first Twin Lights were built. In 1841, the south tower of the Twin Lights received a Fresnel lens. In 1862, the present Twin Lights were constructed, and in 1889 the south tower was fitted with an electric arc light to produce 25,000 candle power output. In 1924, an incandescent lamp replaced the arc light, to produce 9,000,000 candle power output. The Twin Lights were deactivated and shut off in 1952, and in 1965 it was made a National Historic Site.

Highlands has been throughout its history a major transportation hub. In 1832, the steamboat *Saratoga* was the first to serve Highlands from New York City, ushering in the steamboat age which ran for 100 years. In 1865, the Long Branch and Sea Shore Railroad began its run between Long Branch and Spermaceti Cove steamboat dock, bringing New York City vacationers to the Jersey Shore. During the 19th and early 20th centuries, rail and trolley service helped bring people to Highlands and on to other transportation infrastructure. In 1872, the first Highlands-Sea Bright bridge was opened (although it was struck by a sloop and wrecked three years later.) The current drawbridge along Route 36, built in 1932 and

called the Million Dollar Bridge, has proven much more durable in our present-day transportation age.

Today, Highlands is still well known for its fishing industry and marinas. In 1947, the Highlands boat basin was renovated. Although the age of steam ships has passed into memory, Highlands today is the site of ferry service that continues to provide round trip transportation to New York for commuters and day-trippers.

Through the years, members of diverse religious denominations found a home in Highlands, as members of various denominations established meeting places, often in people's homes. Today, the Borough is the home to a number of houses of worship with deep roots in the community.

During the 19th and 20th centuries, the community developed a strong system of schools and other public services as the quality of life and sense of community continued to improve. Residential communities took shape and a strong commercial life was established. Highlands Borough was established in name in 1900. Twelve years later, the Water Witch section officially became part of the Borough. Also in 1912, the waterfront area bounded by Bay Avenue, Shrewsbury Avenue and Miller Street was filled in and streets were laid out for houses to be built. Throughout the 20th century, Highlands developed its fame and renown as home of some of the Jersey Shore's best seafood restaurants, as well as charming bed-and-breakfast establishments.

At the time of Highlands' founding in 1900, the United States Census listed a population of 848 persons. By the time of the 2000 Census is completed, it will indicate that the community has grown by a factor of six. The people of Highlands have played an important role in the history of our country, state and nation, involved at every stage of our history from the earliest days. In the last 100 years, The Borough has survived and rebounded from natural disasters, such as nor'easters and hurricanes, as well as fires and other disasters. It even enjoyed a brief period of notorious fame during Prohibition as a center for illicit trade on water and land for illegal whiskey.

On this great occasion, I want to express my best wishes to Mayor Richard W. O'Neil, Council Members John Bentham, Dolores Monohan Howard, Sherry Ruby and Robert M. Rauen, and all of the dedicated men and women who make the Borough services work day-in and day-out.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege and an honor for me to pay tribute to the Borough of Highlands, a beautiful community with an unsurpassed location, a place with a proud history, a bright future and many, many great people.

#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound pleasure that I speak today in honor of the 179th Anniversary that marks Greece's declaration of independence from the Ottoman Empire. Greece had remained under the Ottoman Empire for almost 400

years. Even though they were deprived of all of their civil rights during this time they continued to educate their children in their culture, their language, and their religion under the threat of death. On March 25, we celebrate this courage on the 179th Anniversary of freedom and independence in Greece.

I wish we had more to celebrate—to be able to celebrate on Greek Independence Day the return of the Elgin Marbles to their homeland. Taken from Greece in 1806, these ancient sculptures from the Acropolis of Athens have been on view in the British Museum. In this age of open communication, friendship, and a unified Europe, lets hope that these marbles will soon be returned to their home.

This year the Greek Independence Day parade will be honoring His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church of America. I join with my Hellenic neighbors in honoring him on the auspicious occasion of the Greek Independence Day Parade.

I am very fortunate and privileged to represent the largest Hellenic community outside of Athens, one of the most vibrant communities of Hellenic Americans in this country. It is truly one of my greatest pleasures as a Member of Congress to be able to participate in the life of this community, and the wonderful and vital Hellenic American friends that I have come to know are one of its greatest rewards.

While commemorative resolutions are no longer allowed in the House, there is enormous support for Greek Independence Day among my colleagues. In 1993, inspired by the strong Hellenic American presence in my own congressional district, I co-founded, and now Co-Chair, the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues. The Caucus is composed of seventy-two, bipartisan members who are committed to bringing the voices of Hellenic Americans to the floor of the U.S. Capitol. Since its beginning in 1993, the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues has grown in both size and strength to foster and improve relations between the United States and Greece. The Hellenic Caucus serves to strengthen the voice of Hellenic Americans in promoting legislation, monitoring and arranging briefings on current events, and disseminating information to all Congressional Members on such important developments as the renewed talks between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, U.S. aid to Greece and Cyprus, and the continued conflict in the Aegean.

In the coming year, may we see peace in the Aegean, justice in Cyprus, peace in Northern Greece, and the restoration of human rights to the many cultures and people suffering throughout the world. As we celebrate the 179th anniversary of Greek Independence and the special bond of friendship between our two countries, I would like to leave you with a quote from Percy Shelley, "We are all Greeks! Our laws, our literature, our art, have their roots in Greece."

#### AIDS IMPACT ON LATIN AMERICANS AND HISPANICS

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that AIDS is a global issue. What happens overseas always affects what happens in

the U.S. It is in America's national interest to ensure that we do all we can to assist all countries in addressing HIV/AIDS, not only because of the potential for a tremendous loss of life, but for economic, political and security reasons.

Globally, about 2.6 million people worldwide will die of AIDS this year, the most of any years since the epidemic began, according to a report by the United Nations AIDS program. About 16.3 million people have already died of AIDS since 1981. In addition, about 5.6 million new infections with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) will occur this year, raising the number of people currently living with the disease to about 33.6 million, with more than 23 million of those individuals being in sub-Saharan Africa. More than 1.3 million individuals living with HIV and AIDS are in Latin America and some 360,000 are in the Caribbean. It is estimated that some 920,000 individuals living with HIV and AIDS are in North America.

Some 300,000 Americans are infected with HIV and do not know it since they have never been tested for HIV infection. Sadly, my own city of San Antonio has experienced over 3,704 cases of people with AIDS; 53% of these people have died. This means that over 1,950 people in San Antonio have died from this disease. Of the reported cases of AIDS in San Antonio, 48% are in the Hispanic community, 39% are White and 11% are Black. The majority of San Antonio's population is of Hispanic origin and maintains close ties with Mexico and other countries in Central and South America. Many return to visit, to work and live, and then return to the United States. Many of my constituents are very interested in reuniting with their families, bring family members to the U.S. to visit or become U.S. citizens.

AIDS has affected Hispanics in San Antonio more than in most other communities around the country. One thing we can all do is to continue to educate our friends and relatives about AIDS, not only as to its causes but also on its impact on our local, national and global community. We can also push for increased funding for research and treatment of this deadly disease.

Our efforts targeting African Americans here in the United States, and our efforts to address AIDS in Africa and elsewhere are to be commended and expanded. We must do more for those most in need, and we must do more to prevent HIV from becoming a problem in those areas where it has not yet established itself. To do any less is to allow a disease that we can prevent. And we must begin now to look at how we address AIDS in Latin America so that we can prevent it from becoming the next epicenter of the epidemic. Public health practices have shown that it is much more effective to prevent an illness than to treat an illness. Clearly, what we do now in our efforts to address HIV will affect the quality of our lives tomorrow.

We must fight the complacency that is threatening our efforts to address HIV and AIDS in the U.S. and worldwide. Yes, new drug combination therapies have prolonged the lives of many Americans who have access to them, who can afford them, and who can tolerate them. Unfortunately, not all have access or can afford them. Imagine how difficult it will be for those in countries outside the U.S. whose average health care expenditures are less than a few hundred dollars a year to pay

for drugs which can cost up to \$14,000 a year in the United States.

Unfortunately, many of our leaders are still afraid to discuss HIV/AIDS in public. This silence is also evident in many Latin American countries where AIDS is just starting to take hold. This silence only leads to continued denial that AIDS is affecting Latinos, and it will only lead to additional infections and deaths. By not publicly discussing HIV/AIDS, we send a message to our community that AIDS is not an issue of concern to us or that it is taboo. The number of cases, new infections, and deaths in our community have shown that our silence has been deadly.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus, of which I am a member, is proud of its role in securing additional funding and in providing leadership in this area. But we have a long way to go. We need the Hispanic community, especially our Hispanic leaders both here in the U.S. and in other countries, to expand their efforts. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus believes that health issues that disproportionately affect Latinos must be addressed openly and publicly. The Caucus understands the importance of public leadership in addressing HIV/AIDS as a means to educate the public of the impact that HIV/AIDS is having on the Latino community both here and internationally.

I offer these comments to honor those from the Hispanic and other communities who have lost their lives to this dreaded disease and to remind the House, the country and the world that AIDS is indeed threatening the lives of a wide variety of people.

#### HONORING TAESOO "TOM" KIM

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly recognize a wonderful citizen and community member from my Congressional District in California. Taesoo "Tom" Kim will be recognized this weekend by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

This is a local grassroots, citizen-directed effort to promote international understanding and build bridges between communities. The association carries on a relationship with Garden Grove's sister city, Anyang, South Korea. In a city that is home to so many Korean Americans, the association is to be commended for its work.

Tom Kim has dedicated many, many years in service to our community.

He is currently a member of the Advisory Council for Democratic Unification of Korea. His leadership and volunteerism have included terms as President of the Korean Chamber of Commerce of Orange County and many years as the chair of the Korean Festival of Orange County. Mr. Kim can also be thanked for his work to found the first Korean Festival of Orange County.

He has served as the President of the Sister City Association, and his dedication to international understanding and the relation between our sister cities has always been clear. He proudly served as the liaison between Garden Grove and Anyang, Korea in order to form the sister city relationship we are so proud of today.

His service on the board of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and the city Parks and Recreation Commission tell us what we already know, that Tom is a true leader and a friend to Garden Grove.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Tom for all he's given, and I am proud to honor him in Congress today.

#### IN HONOR OF ROBERT MORVILLO

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Robert Morvillo, a distinguished lawyer from the city of New York. Tonight, Mr. Morvillo will receive the prestigious Norman S. Ostrow Award, from the New York Council of Defense Lawyers. The Norman S. Ostrow Award is a symbol of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers' aspirations, namely the defense of liberty and the preservation of individual rights. Past recipients include such notable attorneys as Arthur Liman and Charles Stillman. I am pleased that Mr. Morvillo will soon join these distinguished ranks.

A former president of the New York Council of Defense Lawyers, Mr. Morvillo graduated from Colgate University in 1960, and received his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 1963. In 1964 he was admitted to the Bar in New York State and has appeared in federal courts across the country, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Morvillo has had an extensive and impressive career beginning in 1963 when he worked as a Law Clerk to William B. Herlands, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York. From 1964–1968 Mr. Morvillo was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. He then went on to become an associate at Reavis & McGrath, currently known as Fullbright & Jaworski. In 1970 Mr. Morvillo served for 1 year as the Chief Trial Assistant for the U.S. Attorney in Charge of Frauds Unit, and then served 2 years as Chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York. From 1973 up to the present, Mr. Morvillo has been a Principal of Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg.

In addition to these achievements, Mr. Morvillo lectured at Columbia Law School from 1973 to 1985, and since 1982 he has been the columnist of "White Collar Crime" for the New York Journal. He is a member of both the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York State and American Bar Association. From 1992 to 1996 Mr. Morvillo sat on the Board of Trustees for the Columbia Law School Association and he sat on the Board of Trustees for the Federal Bar Council from 1989 to present. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1990, and is currently the Chairman of the American College of Trial Lawyers, New York Downstate Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Robert G. Morvillo for his many years of dedication and hard work defending liberty and preserving individual rights.

ANNUAL WEEK OF CLASSROOM  
TEACHER CELEBRATION**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in my district of Guam, we have a wealth of talented and devoted educators responsible for teaching more than 33,000 students each year. It is unfortunate, however, that only a handful are actually recognized for their diligence and commitment to educating our children. In reality teachers can never be honored enough for their hard won successes. At times, it may seem like teachers may feel they have a thankless job with minimal or no recognition. At times, teachers may feel their efforts in the classroom seem inconsequential and go unappreciated. At times, teachers may feel like they are in a profession which no longer holds the prominence it once did.

It has been said that teaching is the most unappreciated profession. Conversely, it has also been said that teaching is the most self-gratifying profession. As a long-time educator, I understand the daily quandaries that teachers encounter—the limited resources, the financial constraints and the juggling of school staff to make certain that the needs of every student are met. As a parent, I can certainly appreciate the challenges and sacrifice they face to get the best education readily available for our children. Thus, teachers rarely receive the commendation they deserve.

On March 19–25, 2000, the Annual Week of the Classroom Teacher Celebration officially commences on Guam. During this week, 91 teachers from 17 schools will be formally recognized. The appreciation of the dedication of all educators island-wide will be spotlighted as the following teachers are recognized:

Kyma Scadlock (Andersen Elementary), Donna Rhodes (Andersen Elementary), Fumi Marquez (Andersen Elementary), Debra Hall (Andersen Elementary), Martha Sudo (Andersen Elementary), Arlene B. Cruz (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Betty Santos (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Tarslia Muth (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Marina Pangelinan (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Katherine Rives (Mt. Santa Rosa Elementary), Tina Buendicho (Inarajan Elementary), Amy Holland (Inarajan Elementary), Brigida Agustin (Inarajan Elementary), Sr. Teresa Cruz (Inarajan Elementary), Jerry Nartia (Inarajan Elementary), Rosario Quinata (Inarajan Elementary), Diana Dungca (Astumbo Elementary), and Mark Olin (Astumbo Elementary).

Yvonne Rado (Astumbo Elementary), Elaine Ulloa (Astumbo Elementary), Fred Fensler (Astumbo Elementary), Denis Watabayashi (John F. Kennedy High School), Susan Seay (John F. Kennedy High School), Barbara Roberto (John F. Kennedy High School), Roberta Abadahay (John F. Kennedy High School), Collette Beausoleil (John F. Kennedy High School), Abigail Carbullido (John F. Kennedy High School), Gloria Estampador (Jose Rios Elementary), Rebecca Benavente (Jose Rios Elementary), Ivy Baletto (Jose Rios Elementary), Valerie Quinata (Jose Rios Elementary), Elizabeth Apiag (Jose Rios Elementary), Ray Leon Guerrero (Jose Rios Elementary), Gwendolyn Taimanglo (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Irene Mafnas (F.B. Leon Guerrero

Middle School), and Diono Rolando (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School).

Ann Aguon (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Marien Taitano (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), John Shook (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Shery Nixt (Maria Ulloa Elementary School), Marilyn VanderWeide (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Esther Keone (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Danilo Dimag (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Amafael Silvestre (F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School), Erlinda Arriola (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lynette Quitugua (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Tricia Gumba (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lolita Siguenza (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Lane Lim (Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary), Carmelita Guterrez (Finegayan Elementary), Denise San Nicolas (Finegayan Elementary), John Wagganer (Finegayan Elementary), Josephine Opinion (Finegayan Elementary), and Gwendolyn Perez (Finegayan Elementary).

Diane Pegarido (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Alma Neglerio (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Sharon DeVera (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Marybelle Iglesias (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Ninfa DeVerra (Marcial Sablan Elementary), Betsy Bonhoff (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Rosalyn Jurinario (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Daisy San Miguel (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Leah Fernandez (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Dolores Cayan (Ordot/Chalan Pago Elementary), Dawn Reyes (Inarajan Middle School), Davia Gofigan (Inarajan Middle School), Norval Marsh (Inarajan Middle School), Therese Iglesias (Inarajan Middle School), Barbara Blas (Inarajan Middle School), Carmen Bermudes (Oceanview Middle School), Curtis Ibbotson (Oceanview Middle School), and Joseph Leon Guerrero (Oceanview Middle School).

Larry Kennedy (Oceanview Middle School), Marissa Quitugua (Oceanview Middle School), Patty Bamba (Oceanview Middle School), Ritana Guerrero (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Maaria Y. Cruz (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Agnes Rivera (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Peter Pangelinan (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Annette Payne (P.C. Lujan Elementary), Doris Baza (Talofofo Elementary), Richard Cruz (Talofofo Elementary), Marie D.C. Taimanglo (Talofofo Elementary), Rita R. Anderson (Talofofo Elementary), Elizabeth R. Pablo (Talofofo Elementary), Estella C. Simon (Talofofo Elementary), Claire Santos (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Shelly Hughes (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Janice Banks (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), Rowena Dimla (Daniel L. Perez Elementary), and Yolanda Rosal (Daniel L. Perez Elementary).

The Annual Week of the Classroom Teacher Celebration is sponsored by the University of Guam Association for Childhood Education International, the Guam Department of Education, and the Department of Defense Schools. Throughout the week, numerous activities are scheduled at the various schools, culminating with an awards ceremony at the Guam Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 25, 2000.

Teachers are the pillars of our educational system. They provide the foundation and support to foster education of our children. They inspire our children to strive further in academics. They help mold and shape students into knowledgeable young adults.

Good teachers help students realize their potential for success and foster self-con-

fidence. They have a personal commitment to help students become a whole person, equipped with the knowledge, self-confidence, and respect they need to compete and excel in today's ever changing world.

And, there must be a concerted commitment to our children's educational health and well-being. This commitment must be a partnership among educators, parents, and the administrators. As a majority of our students have become successful individuals in their own rights, such success would not have been possible without such a commitment and partnership. We are only as strong as our weakest link. Therefore, we must continue to work hard to help our future generation attain success. No one aspect of education is the panacea for its process. To achieve success, everyone must work together.

I take great pride and pleasure in joining my island community saluting Guam's educators for their hard work and dedication to the development and cultivation of our children's education. Dangkalu Na Si Yu'os Maase. Keep up the good work.

HONORING FREDERICK W. CLARK,  
JR., FROM MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a young man that I have had the privilege of knowing and working with for many years. Frederick W. Clark, Jr., my district director in Boston, is being honored this evening by the Boston Jaycees as one of their Ten Outstanding Young Leaders of 2000. At a time when many despair that young leaders and solid role models are hard to find, I am happy to say I know one such young person.

Fred is a loyal friend, a devoted family man, and a genuinely easy person to work with. Neither his family, nor his coworkers, is surprised that he was chosen for this award. They have seen his selfless commitment to service.

Between his job and working on behalf of various groups, Fred often sacrifices time with his wife Carrie and their two sons, Justin and Derek. I remember a story Fred once told me about his son, Justin. One evening after a long day, Fred came home to find little Justin was a little cranky and feeling a bit neglected. When Fred told him it was time to go to bed, Justin had a better suggestion. Justin looked Fred in the eye and said, "Go to a meeting!" I hope that Justin and Derek understand that while Daddy is often very busy serving the needs of other people, he loves them very much. They should be proud of their father and honored to share him with the world. I know I am.

Fred has been involved in many important issues for my constituents for many years. I hope he is proud of his hard work and involvement in numerous building projects in and around Boston. Fred's hands have helped shape the construction of the New Federal Courthouse, the Evelyn Moakley Bridge, the expansion of the World Trade Center, and the construction of the Moakley Center for Technological Applications at his alma mater, Bridgewater State College. He has fought for

the historic preservation of the Customs House, the Old South Meeting House, and Faneuil Hall. He worked tirelessly for the citizens of Walpole during the sludge landfill debate. Fred also provided critically important legal research during the lawsuit involving Massachusetts and the 1990 Census. In fact, his hard work help lay the groundwork for Massachusetts' prevailing in the historic census Supreme Court case.

But it is not just these grand issues to which Fred devotes himself. Indeed, I know that he takes great pleasure in helping a veteran in Brockton get his benefits, helping students in Taunton find financial aid, and helping people find safe and affordable housing in South Boston.

Fred has always enjoyed a commitment to politics and to public service. He has been involved in political campaigns at all levels. He ran his father, Fred Sr.'s successful election and re-election to the Board of Selectmen in his hometown of Easton. He has run many of my campaigns for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1988, he worked at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta and helped organize Governor Mike Dukakis's campaign for President in St. Louis, MO. Fred enjoys all levels of campaign activities, from designing political messages and strategies, to organizing efforts to get people out to vote, to walking the neighborhoods doing literature drops. He believes in good old-fashioned democracy and feels lucky to be a part of it. He leads by his example of hard work and devotion to the causes he supports.

Fred has proven himself to be a wonderful son and brother, a caring and devoted husband and father. His loyalty and commitment to his friends and coworkers has earned him their continued admiration and support.

Fred has been my dear friend, my trusted advisor, and a tireless advocate for my constituents. I have watched him grow both, professionally and personally. I have been blessed by his service. I hope he will pause to reflect and enjoy this well-deserved acknowledgement of his hard work and dedication.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall vote 41—H.R. 3081. It was my intention to vote "no" on rollcall vote 41—H.R. 3081.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVE MONEY FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG RESEARCH ACT OF 2000

##### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I introduce the Save Money for Prescription Drug Research Act of 2000, a bill to deny tax deductions to drug companies for certain gifts and benefits, but not product samples, provided to physicians and to encourage use of such funds for pharmaceutical research and development.

In its January 19, 2000 issue, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) published a critical examination of the extent to which physicians interact with the pharmaceutical industry. The study found that U.S. drug companies spend more than \$11 billion per year on drug promotion and marketing that is, an estimated \$8,000 to \$13,000 per physician is spent on drug company gifts every year. These promotions include "gifts" such as free meals, travel subsidies, sponsored teachings, drug samples, and recreational benefits such as sporting event tickets and golfing fees, to name just a few. According to JAMA's analysis, physician-industry interactions appear to affect prescribing and professional behavior and should be further addressed at policy and education levels.

Over the years, I have personally received numerous examples of outlandish drug company gifts to physicians. One memorable example came from a physician who sent me a sample of perks he received over the course of one week. The week started with an invitation to the horse races—including a private suite, lunch and open bar from noon to 3:00 pm. Only a day later, he was offered free dinner at a fine restaurant where meals averaged \$25/plate, and on the next day he received major league baseball tickets for the entire family.

As yet another example of industry-physician interaction. I would like to insert in the RECORD, a March 9, 2000 USA Today article. This article describes a growing trend among advertising and marketing firms to sponsor physician continuing medical education courses that doctors in 34 states need to keep their licenses. These marketing firms are paid by drug companies and often hire faculty to teach these courses and educate medical professionals about their sponsors' products. This provides drug companies with another opportunity to impact physician prescribing practice and attitudes while increasing their company profits.

At my request, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) last December completed an analysis of the tax treatment of the pharmaceutical industry. The conclusion of that report is that tax credits contributed powerfully to lowering the average effective tax rate for drug companies by nearly 40% relative to other major industries from 1990 to 1996. For this reason, I introduced the Prescription Price Equity Act of 2000 to deny research tax credits to pharmaceutical companies that sell their products at a significantly higher prices in the U.S. as compared to their sales in other industrialized countries. The U.S. government already provides lucrative tax credits to the pharmaceutical industry in this country, making additional tax deductions seem particularly unnecessary.

The pharmaceutical industry reaps billions in profits every year and certainly does not need excessive tax breaks. Fortune magazine rates the pharmaceutical industry as the most profitable business in America. The average compensation for 12 drug company CEOs was \$22 million in 1998. Likewise, CRS reported that after-tax profits for the pharmaceutical industry averaged 17%—three times higher than the 5% profit margin of other industries.

Although U.S. drug companies claim their exorbitant profits are justified by the high cost of research and development, pharmaceutical companies generally spend twice as much on

marketing and administration as they do on research and development. In fact, some companies are guilty of spending even more than twice as much on advertising/administration expenses. For example, Merck & Pfizer spent only 11% of revenues on R&D in 1997, and spent more than twice that amount (28%) on administration and marketing making available an abundance of funds for generous drug company "gifts."

Research and development is a much more important pharmaceutical expenditure than the billions of dollars wasted on drug company gifts to physicians. Our nation has reaped great rewards as a result of pharmaceutical research; pharmaceutical and biotech research have discovered life-saving cures and treatments for ailments that afflict our society. But drug companies can do more. If the pharmaceutical industry would stop wasteful spending on promotions and spend instead on R&D, think of all the additional lives that could be saved.

Currently, one third of Medicare beneficiaries have no coverage for prescription drugs and two-thirds of beneficiaries have no coverage or unreliable drug coverage. Over half of our most vulnerable are above the poverty level. That's why I've introduced H.R. 1495, Access to Prescription Medications in Medicare Act. This bill provides a universal, comprehensive Medicare drug benefit with a \$200 deductible and 20% coinsurance for seniors up to \$1,700 per year. Seniors with very high drug expenses get 100% of their drug costs paid by Medicare (i.e., stop-loss) after \$3,000 in annual out-of-pocket spending.

The need for this bill is clear. Denying the pharmaceutical industry the ability to deduct expenditures for certain gifts and benefits to physicians is a critical step in providing Americans with access to more life-saving drugs. By redirecting drug company promotional expenditures to their R&D budgets, the American public should reap the benefit of increased medical breakthroughs. To the extent the companies do not redirect these expenditures to R&D, the denial of the tax deduction will help finance a Medicare prescription drug benefit to ensure that our nation's seniors and disabled have access to the medications they need.

#### A TRIBUTE TO COL. JOSEPH D. HUGHES, JR.

##### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Col. Joseph D. Hughes, Jr., who is retiring from the North Carolina National Guard after 37 years of service to the Tar Heel State.

As superintendent of the Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site at Fort Bragg, NC for the past 11 years, Colonel Hughes has been responsible for a variety of tasks, including supervision of essential personnel and maintenance of defense equipment. Through each of these duties, Colonel Hughes has performed admirably and thoroughly. In addition, Colonel Hughes has worked with my Fayetteville district office on a variety of issues to assist the citizens of the seventh congressional district. For his service to our region, our State, and



our Nation, I am thankful, and we all should be grateful.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date when history judges us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?" Colonel Hughes will truthfully be able to answer each of these questions in the affirmative. He is indeed a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

Colonel, as you enter this next stage of your life, may the time with your family and loved ones be blessed and plentiful. May your memories be proud and positive, and may your life continue to be enriched with peace, joy and heartfelt thanks from your neighbors, friends, and loved ones.

#### IN HONOR OF SHERRILL'S BAKERY

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Sherrill's Bakery, the "Fine Pastry, Fine Foods" bakery located at 233 Pennsylvania Ave., in Washington, DC. Sherrill's Bakery has fed Capitol Hill and countless visiting tourists from throughout the nation for generations.

Established in 1922, Sherrill's Bakery has changed hands once to current owner, Dorothy Paletto, known to her employees as Dottie. Dottie and her mother, affectionately known as "Miss Lola," have owned the bakery since 1941. The recipes are their own special recipes, reminiscent of a time when all restaurants were family-owned, when everybody knew your name and you knew theirs. Along with Dottie, Miss Lola, the remarkably loyal staff of Tommie Kennedy (who has worked at Sherrill's since 1941), Yolanda, and Patrick serve as the wait staff, with Leon and Ivory holding the honors in the kitchen.

Upon entering the restaurant you are pulled into a comfort zone, a laid back atmosphere where you talk to the wait staff about more than just your order. It's more than just a restaurant; it's a community, with a common bond of enjoying Sherrill's unique ambiance and tasty delights. Sherrill's Bakery is just like returning to your favorite neighborhood restaurant from your youth, always there and never changing. For all the changes that have taken place, on Capitol Hill and its immediate neighborhoods, the one constant has been Sherrill's Bakery.

The bakery serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It is open 7 days a week, Monday through Friday, from 6 am until 6 pm. Saturdays hours are from 7 am until 6 pm, and on Sundays the bakery is open from 7 am until 4 pm. On weekends, the line of customers stretch out the door.

Sherrill's Bakery is my favorite restaurant here on Capitol Hill; I go there faithfully every morning since it reminds me of my favorite neighborhood diners back in Cleveland, Ohio.

The wait staff recognizes regular customers like me and my regular waiter, Patrick, is quick to promptly place my breakfast order, which he knows by heart: two slices of plain wheat toast, a bowl of oatmeal and a cup of hot water with a slice of lemon on the side. Three bucks the entire meal, the best bargain anywhere.

In 1990, a film documentary was done on the bakery for the Public Broadcasting Service. The PBS documentary was nominated for an Emmy Award for best documentary, finishing in second place. Many celebrities have relaxed in the dusty diner with dingy windows and neon lights. Celebrities such as actors Mike Farrell (from M\*A\*S\*H) and Robert Bedford, California State Senator, Tom Hayden; Rock 'n' Roll legend, Sam Moore of Sam & Dave; Apollo 11 astronaut, Buzz Aldrin; and former California Governor and current Oakland Mayor, Jerry Brown, have all spent time in its timeless booths and on its counter stools. Sherrill's has also been the subject of several in-depth news articles and profiles, most notably in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Washington Times, and Roll Call.

Please join me honoring Sherrill's Bakery for their wonderful food and presence here on Capitol Hill.

#### HONORING MRS. ESTER GEDDIS

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Ester Geddis, an educator, entrepreneur, wife, parent, and a pillar of her community. I honor her today because she has devoted her life to serving the needs of others.

Mrs. Geddis was born the tenth of eleven children to Enoch and Geneva Pringle in South Carolina. Upon the completion of her formal education in Charleston, SC, Ester married her husband, James Geddis, in 1959. That union has given her two daughters, Ava Gaillard and Felisa Geddis-Hawkins, adopted son Antonio L. Litmon, granddaughters Heaven and Joy Hawkins, and son-in-law Jerome Gaillard.

Mrs. Geddis attended Brooklyn College in the midst of marriage and motherhood, where she received her bachelor of science degree in education in 1977. Upon completion of her education, Mrs. Geddis began her career in education in 1978 as a classroom teacher in the Children and Youth Department at Kingsborough Psychiatric Center. She was then promoted to the position of educational supervisor in 1986. Mrs. Geddis went on to serve as educational supervisor at Brooklyn Children's Center, and then as supervisor for the Department of Aging's Foster Grandparent program, where she has remained until her retirement.

Mrs. Geddis has been actively involved in the Lions Club for over 20 years. She has been a member in the East New York Lions Club, East Brooklyn Lions Club, and she is currently active in the Central Brooklyn Lions Club. She also has always been a member of the Riverside Club. She has also been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Crown Heights for 25 years.

Mrs. Geddis' hard work had not gone unnoticed. She was listed in "Who's Who In America—1980," and "Who's Who In The World—1990." The Concerned Women of Brooklyn recognized her with an award for her dedicated service, and the Riverside Club presented her with their Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Business and Profession.

Because she knows what hard work and dedication can do, Mrs. Geddis founded E & E Catering in 1980, along with her partner Ermine Myers. In addition to catering many events for me, through E & E Catering, Mrs. Geddis has had the opportunity to nourish many distinguished persons, including President Nelson Mandela, Mayor David Dinkins, Reverend Herbert Daughtry, and numerous others as well as civic, private, and community organizations.

Mrs. Geddis has traveled to Africa and many other continents. However, it was in Africa where she gained many friends and met many people whom she helped and sponsored over the years. It can truly be said that all of the many people who have been in the company of Mrs. Ester Geddis have truly been blessed and inspired by her undying spirit and love.

Mrs. Ester Geddis is more than worthy of receiving this honor, and Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

#### IN MEMORY OF HOLLIS M. KETCHUM

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of an outstanding Missourian, Hollis Ketchum of Jefferson City. He was 81.

Hollis Ketchum was born July 4, 1918, in Downing, MO, a son of Ellis and Melvina Donaldson Ketchum. He graduated from Downing High School and Kirksville State Teachers College. As an Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Ketchum received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Clusters. He entered the Army Reserve and then transferred to the Missouri National Guard. He retired at the rank of colonel after 34 years of military service.

Prior to entering the service, Mr. Ketchum taught school in Schuyler County for 4 years. Upon his return from the war, he was employed at the Division of Liquor Control for 19 years, serving as the director for 12 years. After that, he was employed by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States for 18 years and acted as director of field activities for the last 10 years.

Mr. Ketchum was an active member of his community. He belonged to the First Baptist Church, Jefferson Lodge 43, Capital Shrine Club and the Moolah Temple in St. Louis. Additionally, he was a member and past president of the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, the Missouri State Skeet Association, Capital City Square Dancers Association, and the United Sportsman Club.

I know the members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his

family: his wife, Bobbie Nail; his daughter, Jackie Solty; his son, Randy Ketchum; his stepson, Dr. Roger Nail; his stepdaughter, Patricia Stokes; his brother, two grandchildren and five step grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. PHIL  
AND CHARLOTTE PETERSON

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great privilege to pay tribute to Phil and Charlotte Peterson, who will be feted by hordes of friends and admirers this Sunday, March 26, 2000, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at historic Miami Shores Country Club. If there was ever a dynamic duo that genuinely enhances the good name and stellar reputation of a particular community, then Phil and Charlotte would admirably fit that billing.

Phil Sheridan Peterson, Jr. was born in Sturgeon Bay, WI and comes from a very distinguished lineage. Named after his grandfather, the legendary General Philip Sheridan, Phil faithfully upholds to this very day the tradition of duty to country and honor to God that buttressed the much-heralded exploits of his granddad. Growing up during the Depression era and losing his mother at the tender age of three, Phil had to quickly become the steady hand and exemplar to three other younger siblings, a sister and two brothers.

His wife Charlotte, on the other hand, was delicately schooled in the appreciation of music and the arts. As fate would have it, she met Phil when she was barely 12 years old, while picking cherries to contribute to her family's sustenance at a Wisconsin orchard managed by him. It was indeed love at first sight, and as she is wont to say: " \* \* \* from that day on, I've been working for him ever since."

As World War II unleashed its fury, young Phil, then a fresh high school graduate, unhesitatingly responded to his country's call to duty and joined the U.S. Navy. His tour of service sent him to the Baltic Sea where he soon braved numerous air raids, sea battles and killer storms that wrecked havoc on his fleet ships, tragically claiming the lives of some 1,200 brave Americans. Having survived the war's harrowing ordeals, Phil Peterson returned home a much-decorated hero and thereby earned his rightful niche in the annals of the greatest generation of Americans who ever lived.

Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Phil went back to school to finish his education at the University of Wisconsin where he became an extraordinary feature on the school's football and wrestling team. During this time Charlotte was also at the end of getting her college degree. Upon graduation from college, Phil and Charlotte got married on December 27, 1947. Through this union they were blessed with five wonderful children, who are now themselves successful and productive adult members of society.

While they managed to get back and tend to the family Peterson orchard farm in Wisconsin, their adventurous spirit soon propelled their relocation in Florida's Key West, finally settling down in what was then called Miami's model community of "Liberty City." Working as entre-

preneurs for the first Harley Davidson's motorcycle franchise in South Florida, Phil and Charlotte found time to immerse themselves in key leadership positions helping several civic organizations, such as the American Red Cross, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Easter Seals, the Covenant House, Toys for Underprivileged Children, St. Jude's and Miami Children's Hospital, Shelters for Abused Women, Miami Rescue Mission, Ronald McDonald House, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Florida Motorcycles Dealers Association, the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and many local schools.

Phil & Charlotte Peterson truly epitomize the preeminence of ordinary and decent folks who have tried to do their level best toward contributing to the amelioration of their community and the welfare of their fellow human beings. Indeed, we have tremendously benefitted from their unique brand of tireless commitment and generosity.

In fact, Phil's first-hand experience, thorough knowledge and solid reputation at Harley Davidson motivated him to address the varied issues and complex problems surrounding America's burgeoning motorcycle business. Accordingly, his compelling testimonies before the U.S. Congress paved the way for shedding light on the devious schemes of fast-buck entrepreneurs who were illegally dumping foreign-made substandard motorcycles in the American market. His expert observations subsequently led to the adoption of important pieces of initiatives that have now become our nation's laws in this area.

In their own quiet but dignified way, Phil & Charlotte Peterson have been and continue to be our community's consummate activists. They genuinely abide by the dictum that those who have less in life, through no fault of their own, deserve the help of community leaders to help them get back up and lead normal, productive lives. Friends and admirers are oftentimes touched by their unique sincerity and selfless giving. The numerous accolades from various organizations represent an unequivocal testimony of the utmost respect and admiration they both enjoy from our community.

Their word is their bond to those who have dealt with them not only in their moments of triumphal exuberance, but also in their quest to help us transform our community into the kind of a caring neighborhood where the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the mighty and the humble converge together to hasten the emergence of the spirit and optimism that nobly represent the true character of America.

I am deeply honored to extend my best wishes and utmost gratitude to Phil & Charlotte Peterson for what they have done to our community. They truly exemplify a genuine leadership whose courage and kindheartedness appeal to our noblest character as a nation.

OIL PRICE REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3822) to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chairman, I am an original cosponsor of the Oil Price Reduction Act. We simply must take some common sense steps to reduce the price of gas. In my district, which normally has some of the highest gas prices in the country, gas now costs over \$2 per gallon. My constituents are hurting and need help.

In its original form, H.R. 3822 would have allowed the Administration to halt arms sales to countries that are gouging American consumers by raising oil prices. But the House leadership has weakened the bill and now it only counsels diplomacy.

I'm all for diplomacy and have encouraged the Administration to forcefully engage all the OPEC countries about this issue. But diplomacy has its limits. Simply put, this country should seriously reexamine our policy of selling arms to countries that seek to gouge American consumers and hurt our economy.

And to add insult to injury, these are some of the same countries that American men and women risked their lives for in the Persian Gulf war. Today, thousands of dedicated soldiers, sailors, airmen and women continue putting their lives on the line to keep Saddam at bay and these countries safe.

I will vote for this bill, but we need to take a much firmer stance with the OPEC nations. For example, while the original bill would allow the administration to restrict arms sales, I might have gone further and required that arm sales be halted. Amendments to that effect won't be allowed in today's debate.

In addition, I am very disappointed that the House is not going to be voting on other key issues to address high gas prices.

I believe we should stop exporting Alaskan oil to foreign countries and I have cosponsored legislation to do that. While our gas prices have doubled over the last year, we send 60,000 barrels of oil a day to Asia. If not exported, this oil would go to the west coast. We should be voting to halt those exports and give American families the benefit of American oil.

We should also consider proposals to swap oil out of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Making available oil from the SPR could offset the shortages produced by the OPEC countries production cuts. This would weaken OPEC's ability to unilaterally raise our gas prices.

Finally, we should be aggressively developing renewable energy sources and alternative fuels. This would reduce our reliance on foreign fuels, while at the same time helping to preserve our environment.

But we must also make sure we don't do certain things that would not lower the price of gas, but would reduce safety on our roads and threaten the Central Coast economy and environment.

For example, some have advocated getting rid of the 4.3 cents federal gas tax. That won't help consumers who have seen a gallon of gas double in price. And it would cost California alone over \$1.7 billion over the next 2 years in funds to build and maintain our roads and bridges. This funding has provided for the

installation of call boxes on Highway 166 near Santa Maria and will support the widening of the dangerous Highway 46 near Paso Robles in my district.

Others have advocated more oil drilling off the California coast. This would be a huge mistake—most of the oil there is for making roads and tar, not gasoline. And new oil drilling threatens to devastate the local economy and environment.

Mr. Chairman, we need to take some serious steps to address high gas prices and I am deeply disappointed that the House will only be allowed to vote today on one, largely symbolic gesture. The American people deserve a lot more than that.

#### HONORING ALICE RUMBAUGH

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I proudly recognize a wonderful citizen and community member from my Congressional District in California. Alice Rumbaugh will be recognized this weekend by the Sister City Association of Garden Grove.

This is a local grassroots, citizen-directed effort to promote international understanding and build bridges between communities. The association carries on a relationship with Garden Grove's sister city, Anyang, South Korea. In a city that is home to so many Korean Americans, the association is to be commended for its work.

And it is clear why Alice Rumbaugh was chosen for this honor. Alice is a master teacher who has proved her dedication to teaching our children to appreciate Hispanic culture. She was key to the establishment of the Spanish culture program at Pacific High School, a program that now travels throughout the district.

Alice's colleagues, and all our city students, are fortunate to have the opportunity to take advantage of these resources and of Ms. Rumbaugh's tireless work.

She is an award-winning educator, a master educator who has never given up in her efforts to inspire and empower her students. She is also known for her work as a mentor and a peer leader among her colleagues. Ms. Rumbaugh has been honored repeatedly for her innovation and excellence in her field.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Alice for her work. I am proud to honor her in Congress today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to necessary medical treatment, I was not present for the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows.

March 14, 2000—Rollcall vote 46, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3699, designating the Joel T. Broyhill Post Office Building, I would have voted "yea." Roll-

call vote 47, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3701, designating the Joseph L. Fisher Post Office, I would have voted "yea."

March 15, 2000—Rollcall vote 48 on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 1000, The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, I would have voted yea. Rollcall vote 49, on passage of H.R. 3843, the Small Business Authorization Act, I would have voted yea. Rollcall vote 50, on the motion to instruct Conferees for H.R. 1501, the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, I would have voted nay.

March 16, 2000—Rollcall vote 51, on agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 441, providing for consideration of the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000, I would have voted yea. Rollcall vote 52, on agreeing to the Watt Amendment, I would have voted nay. Rollcall vote 53, on agreeing to Boehlert substitute amendment, I would have voted nay. Rollcall vote 54, on the motion to recommit with instructions, I would have voted nay. Rollcall vote 55, on passage of H. 2372, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2000, I would have voted yea.

#### SALUTING THE NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPION CALVIN COLLEGE KNIGHTS

#### HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor the NCAA Division III National Basketball Champion Calvin College Knights from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Knights capped off their magical season on March 18, by defeating a very strong and talented Wisconsin-Eau Claire squad in the championship game, 79–74. The Knights finished their dream season with a 30–2 overall record enroute to the school's second national basketball title.

Under the tutelage of fourth-year Head Coach Kevin VandeStreek and assistants Tim VanDyke and Chris Fear, the Knights provided excitement every time they hit the floor this season. Not only did these young men provide numerous memorable moments for the Calvin faithful, they did so with a strong sense of teamwork both on and off the floor.

Members of the 1999–2000 Calvin College Knights include Kyle Smith, Bryan Foltice, Jon Potvin, Aaron Winkle, Dave Bartels, Nate Burgess, Nate Karsten, Tim Bruinsma, Jason DeKuiper, Jeremy Veenstra, Brian Krosschell, Nick Ploegstra, Jon VanderPlas, Derek Kleinheksel, Josh Tubergen, and Rob Dykstra.

National championships are becoming the norm at Calvin College. In addition to the men's basketball championship, the women's cross country team has captured national titles the past two seasons. And if there were a championship for fans, Calvin would also be in the running for that title. Calvin College fans, also known as the best fans anywhere, are also to be commended for the tremendous support they provide to the student-athletes that represent Calvin College.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting these young men for their fine conduct and stellar play throughout this

storybook season. Not only did they serve as fine representatives for Calvin, they also served as ambassadors for all of West Michigan and for their league, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone associated with the Calvin College Knights!

#### TURKEY REMAINS A STRATEGIC U.S. ALLY

#### HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton's trip to South Asia, home to one-fifth of the world's population and to two nuclear powers, reminds us of the volatility of the world around us. It reminds us as well of our obligation, as the world's remaining superpower and as the world's greatest exponent of democracy, to seek a strengthening of the democratic principles wherever we are.

Over the years, we have forged a network of allies who have shared this burden with us, often at considerable human and economic cost to themselves. Few of our allies have been as important to us as Turkey.

During the Cold War era, Turkey guarded NATO's southern flank. For five decades, Turkey stood as a bulwark against the Soviet Union's southern expansion. Its soldiers stood side by side with ours in Korea and its land was utilized by our armed forces for bases.

During the Gulf War, Turkey was integral to our strategy for blunting and then defeating the aggression launched by Saddam Hussein. Turkish bases were the launching pad for the northern attacks and our large base at Incirlik continues to offer protection for Iraqi opposition as part of Operation Northern Watch. Turkey's alliance with us cost it \$35 billion in foregone trade and pipeline fees—a sum whose equivalence in the U.S. context would be \$900 billion.

Today, even as the Cold War is a decade gone, Turkey remains one of our most steadfast and crucial allies. Their contributions to the United States, and the policies we seek to implement remain crucial to us. Let me offer several examples:

Turkey is the only secular democracy in the Islamic world. At a time when Islamic fundamentalism and its attendant anti-American stance are on the rise, Turkey provides a model for the co-existence of Islam and a pluralistic society.

Turkey is central to the containment of Saddam Hussein and ultimate removal of him from office. There can be no successful anti-Saddam strategy without the full involvement and support to Turkey.

Turkey was the first Muslim nation to recognize Israel and remains one of only a few Muslim nations to establish full diplomatic relations with that nation. The two have forged close military and political linkages that serve as a means to help bring peace and security to the Middle East.

Turkey will be home to new pipelines carrying oil and gas from the Caspian Basin to U.S. and Western markets. Turkey is integral to our long-term energy security.

Turkey is partnering with the United States in an effort to provide economic and technical

support to the emerging democracies from the former Soviet Union in order to help ensure their economic viability and democratic future.

Turkey works with the United States in trying to stabilize the situation in the Balkans,

and Turkey has taken the lead in trying to rebuild Bosnia.

Mr. Speaker, the above examples demonstrate the fundamental importance of maintaining, and in fact expanding, strong U.S.-Turkish economic, defense and political ties.

I am pleased that we continue to have a good and strong relationship with Turkey. It is vital in today's volatile world that such relations continue.